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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Sec'y

1884, Jan'y 2d, To — Mrs. L. J. Whitaker, 1107 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo.

This is my first Home Missionary letter in 1884. I wish you and the dear friends associated with you a most Happy New Year, happy because increasingly useful. We certainly are taught that our Lord's system of reward gives enlarged opportunities for service to Him.
We have letters from Alaska and California saying that the man who sent the exaggerated reports to the newspapers is an ex-deputy tax-gatherer and is not considered reliable. We will trust the Lord to over-rule all for good.

1884, Jan'y 3, To — Mrs. Julia Murdock, Peekskill, N.Y.

One word regarding the ill-conduct of girls at Fort Wrangel. I know only that in the past one or more girls may have run away. The school is a place of refuge and reform and such events, if true, show how much it is needed.

1884, Jan'y 8, To — Mrs. M. E. Goodman, Kendallville, Indiana.

You should receive 325 blank forms for reports of local societies, mission bands or Sunday schools. You will know how to have them used.
I thank you for your daughter's readiness to write an article once a month for the "Interior," and I hope to communicate with her before long. Our Committee have secured the aid of two ladies in New York to send articles to the Chicago paper.

1884, Jan'y 9, To — Mrs. A. Holbrook, Portland, Oregon.

We have printed blanks for the reports of women's societies, mission bands or Sunday schools so that one may be sent to each church in the synod. I have asked that 75 copies be mailed to you. We wish to have one sent to a responsible woman in every church, or to the pastor, or session in case the pulpit is vacant. It is important that the completed reports be returned to you in good season, so that you in turn can send a condensed statement prepared from their figures directly to Mrs. S. B. Brownell, Recording Secretary of our Woman's Executive Committee, 23 Center St., New York, by the last of March or early in April. From facts gathered from them I must prepare my Annual Report to be presented to the Board of Home Missions and to the General Assembly.

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1884, Jany 9th, To — Mrs. C. B. Walker, Chicago, Ills.
No doubt you have heard from either Dr. Kendall or Dr. Roberts that you should continue in Chicago rather than to go to Cleveland. × × I think you should not feel dispirited ever, when God is using you so wonderfully. "We thank God at every remembrance of you"

1884, Jany 11th, To — Mr. Charles G. Blatchel, Philadelphia, Pa.
Now, as to Las Cruces, you know it is quite far to the south in New Mexico. There are about 2000 inhabitants in the place but about 4000 in the vicinity who may feel the influence of a good school. We have bought a little building there with some furniture costing $300.- and improvements and additional furniture will cost $100.- more. This is needed, and we hope to receive it from some society that may become interested. The Roman Catholic Church have a convent at Las Cruces, a purely Mexican town, and they are fighting Miss Blake in every way in their power. She has twenty scholars already. The little school building is used for her pupils exclusively; she has hired a small adobe building of one room herself in which to live. From this account you can imagine what comfort and inspiration in her lonliness letters from any members of your Sunday school would mean. She began work at another point in New Mexico, and was so successful in it, that she was transferred to Las Cruces as a place needing a teacher of character and experience.

1884, Jany 15, To — Rev. W. C. Roberts, D.D., — (at Philadelphia.)
Probably you heard before leaving New York, that the Government gives us the use of the Barracks at Fort Wrangel, and will erect the building at Albuquerque. All this is good news, but it seems to be counterbalanced if Dr. McMillan is to leave Utah, or rather the Mormon field, as a line from him to me intimates. Can nothing be done to secure him, even now? I think we all feel perplexed. For myself, I hardly know with whom to correspond regarding schools, chapels and needs in Utah. It seems ~~like a~~ like a loose unbusinesslike method to depend on the advice of the pastor located near a mission, whoever he may be. I do not know how frequently the Committee of the Presbytery of Utah hold a meeting.

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1884, Jany 15, To — Miss Mary L. Judson; Lansingburg, N.Y.

With regard to copies of the New York "Evangelist," I am certain they will be most heartily welcome, and I give you the addresses of teachers at isolated stations where I believe they would be appreciated.

Miss Ella McDonald, Kaysville, Utah
Miss Carrie C. Decker, Monroe, Utah
Mr. William B. Robe, Doaksville, Indian Territory.

Mr. Robe writes that there are times when he has no mail for three weeks!

Mr. J. H. Wilson, Zuni, N. Mexico
Miss Eliza Hartford, Cedar City, Utah.

If you decide to send papers to these, please add to the kindness by writing at least a postal card to each, inquiring whether they already receive the paper, as you can readily imagine that friends unknown to me may have sent it.

The February issue of the "Presbyterian Home Missionary" will contain an article on "Scholarships" rather than scholars to be supported in mission schools.

Of one thing you may be assured, that money sent to support the Salt Lake Institute has been expended well. From outside sources I have heard that every dollar seems to be turned to good account. This institution is growing in importance. A letter received yesterday says that 225 pupils are enrolled this year. It is grand to think of the effect this Christian training may have by the blessing of God, and I hope you will continue to contribute to this school. Four young men there are studying for the Christian ministry and three of them are Mormon converts.

1884, Jany 15, To — Mrs. M. C. Lyle, Lexington, Kentucky.

It is important that we all understand that mission work in our own country is actually of the same nature in some parts as that among and heathen nations abroad, and that no other Protestant nation will come in to help us do it. We need also to do it in self defense, and for the sake of Foreign Missions themselves, in order to provide supplies for such outside effort.

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1884, Jan'y 16 — To Mrs. George Norcross, Carlile, Penna.

Your brother, Dr. Sheldon Jackson, has been quite wonderfully successful at Washington. The Government has granted us the use of the "Barracks" at Fort Wrangel, Alaska, on condition that we keep them insured. It has also agreed to put up a new building at Albuquerque, New Mexico. You have seen so much of the Indian School at Carlisle that we should like you to tell us if you have suggestions as to desirable arrangements in the new building proposed. We may have no voice in the matter but wish to be prepared.

1884, Jan'y 16, To — Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Allegheny, Penna.

As long as the Board of Home Missions closes its financial year the last day of March, allowing a few days grace for the detention of mails, and to receive all letters dated March 31st, it is necessary for our Woman's Executive Committee to close its accounts on the same date. All receipts from Pennsylvania should therefore be received by that time. It is decided that we are to print an Annual Report, giving receipts from each synod. You can see there would be great confusion if the synods closed their accounts at different times. Can you not solve the difficulty by closing your accounts April first, sending it to us as we expect, and let this official report go to your synod in October? The gentlemen understand this, and would be surprised to find it otherwise. This report will serve also for your own Synodical meeting in October, but you could, if you wish, append an unofficial statement of any results accomplished since the end of the fiscal year, if your synodical officers approve.

Now, as to your other important question for which I thank you. I do think a blank report form for the use of Presbyterial Secretaries should be prepared. Will you please send me a copy of the blank prepared for the Foreign department as a sort of guide to.

As to a list of "special objects" the case is different in this country. We cannot print in advance where effort is to be stressed because that might increase opposition from both the Romish and Mormon priests as they watch our periodicals.

Please be very careful not to lose the use of the fact that is so vital to our organization, namely, the endorsement of the synod, by their direct action. It will help you to prove that women are recognized as eligible for appointment on committees by the highest authorities of our ecclesiastical body, also that yours is not a mere voluntary association.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1884 – Jany 21 – To Miss Fishback, Maryvale, Utah.
You cannot know how much we miss Mrs. Darwin R. James, now in Washington, D.C. Her ability is great. Consecration of heart and wisdom combine to make her about the most important member of our Woman's Executive Committee. She will have great influence for good at Washington. Believing this helps to reconcile us to her absence, —

1884 – Jany 21 – To – Rev. Samuel L. Gillespie, Box Elder, Utah.
I cannot express how grieved our Woman's Executive Committee is to have Dr. D. J. McMillan leave this work among the Mormons. It is of great discouragement to us.

1884 – Jany 21 – To – Miss M. Ella Campbell, Fillmore, Utah.
I do not know to whom you can refer as "taking your character from you." No such attempt has been made here. No one to my knowledge has ever said a word against your character; and, situated as I am, I decline to give any sources of information from which we learn of our teachers' methods of work, etc. As to yourself, I did not suppose you were more than twenty-one years old. I am glad for you that no complaint has ever come as of some others, (I grieve to write it.) that they have even played cards and attended dancing parties, joining themselves in such amusements, and in that way sad reproach has come upon the Church of Christ, and injury to their influence for good. — If ever you are misunderstood, it will be a comfort for you to know that the Lord, Himself, knows all about it and will help you to keep a conscience void of offense.

1884 – Jany 21 – To Rev. E. M. Knox, Malad City, Idaho.
You know we want to have a good school at Malad City, and if you think you can make it so with the present force, we shall be glad.
Regarding the dancing and card-playing question we are not satisfied with your failure to answer more definitely. We ought to know the names of the teachers who have engaged in such amusements. We cannot send out a general circular on this subject. It would imply that we thought such indulgence possible on the part of our missionaries, but to special cases, I want to write kindly but plainly. There has been trouble of the same kind under the Foreign Board. In one case people were much scandalized because they played cards even on Sunday afternoon. What lax notions prevail in many of our eastern Churches, — I am sorry to acknowledge.

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1884, Jany 19 - To Mrs. Ashbel Green,
I am so glad that you wrote that note to Mrs. Wright.
I had no idea that having an Editorial Committee with Mrs. Phelps to put things in order for the papers would be such a real up-lifting to me. We have needed such help very much, and I hope Mrs. Phelps will come to our next meeting. In any case I can put materials in her hands for the March number, also a list of Newspapers with editors' addresses. Mrs Goodman of Kendallville, Indiana, has written that she and her daughter will prepare an article once a month for the "Interior."

1884, Jany 25, To — Mrs John A. Allen, 3021 Chestnut Street, St. Louis, Mo.
The school at Muscogee was placed there partly because of the very fact that the Indian girls brought into it should receive the advantage of mixing with white, civilized girls, have good Church privileges, and be educated as we all are by the general surroundings. In that section of Indian Territory are many half-breeds, quarter-breeds, distinguished little by color of skin. If any of these as well as the pure whites are able to pay tuition, this helps to support the school, and gives equal advantage to the Indian pupils as well as to others.

1884, Jan. 25 - To - Mrs. M. C. Lyle, 160 Walnut St, Lexington, Ky.
I think you know that the Ladies' Board of Missions of New York with which your Kentucky societies are connected gave up their Home Mission work last year to the "Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions of New York". I hoped the Synod of Kentucky would appoint a similar committee, so the same change could be made in your synod, but I think this will come in good time, if the Lord will.

1884, Jany 26, To - Mr. O. E. Boyd, —
Dr. De Hart of 610 East 52d St, called yesterday. He is from Vermont, accustomed to a variety of work, and much interested in the missionary phase of work among the Papagoes. He would be willing to join the Presbyterian Church, if necessary, for the sake of being accepted. He asked if a pledge to teach nothing contrary to Presbyterian doctrine would suffice. I thought not, but referred him to you.
He may call tomorrow

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1884, Jany 30 - To - Rev. W. C. Roberts, D.D.,

At our Committee meeting, Monday the 27th inst, an Editorial Committee was appointed, of which Mrs. George D. Phelps is the Chairman. Her address is 931 Park avenue, near 56th St. It is made her duty to select and prepare materials for use in the "Presbyterian Home Missionary." Mrs. Miller and I are to send to her such letters as may be of interest. She is asked to send also short articles to the "Observer," "Evangelist," "Presbyterian" and "Interior." Miss Margaret McCarrell, of 148 East 40th Street, New York, is to do the same for the "Presbyterian Journal," "St. Louis Evangelist," "Baltimore Weekly," "Banner" of Pittsburgh, "Herald and Presbyter," and the "Occident." Mrs. Ashbel Green and Mrs. S. B. Brownell are to see these articles in advance for the present, as these two ladies are new in this work. This new plan relieves me much, and I hope you will find it satisfactory.

1884, Jany 30 - To - Miss McCarrell, 148 E. 40th St., New York

I send two or three new letters.
We think it is not wise usually to publish names and places. The Romish priests and Mormons watch our papers closely and we have need to save annoyance to our teachers. May the Lord help you in your work.

1884, Jany 30, To - Mrs. A. R. Quaiffe, 1101 - 13th St., Washington, D.C.

I write wondering whether you have met our much loved Vice-President Mrs. Darwin R. James of Brooklyn, N.Y. whose home is to be in Washington for two years, I presume. Perhaps Dr. Kendall has written about her. I congratulate our friends there upon having her help in missionary effort. You may have learned that Miss Laura Sunderland has been placed on the Synodical Committee for Home Missions for the Synod of Baltimore

1884, Jany 31st - To - Mrs. Lottie A. D. Bleistein, Duncannon, Penna.

My next birthday comes on February 14, when I shall be, if I live till then, 65 years old, and really, I ought to be giving more work over to younger, fresher hands. The Lord is very good to give me better health than in some past years.

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1884, Feby 1st — To Mrs. D. R. James, Washington, D.C.

It is a real compensation for our loss here that you are just where help is so much needed. I believe good success will be given you.

Mrs. Charles E. Walker and Miss Alice Robertson came home yesterday after almost three weeks of meetings in Illinois and Michigan, and except Chicago, there seems to be much increase of interest in Home Missions. We hope to have meetings next week in New York City. Mrs. Green has been unwilling to make definite dates fearing disappointments in securing speakers.

The greatest blow to our work is the failure of Utah Presbytery to recommission Rev. Dr. D. J. McMillan as Synodical Missionary. Our secretaries wish to have one man to serve in that capacity and also as Superintendent of Schools. Just now we have no superintendent and matters are rather at loose ends. We fear Dr. McMillan is arranging with a college in Montana to take up work there. We will trust the Lord to over-rule mistakes. But it does seem that such efficient workers as Dr. McMillan and Dr. Jackson were being almost driven from the field.

The Creek Indian Mission buildings are delayed for various causes, even that of more money being needed. Our Committee decided last Monday that we continue to employ Miss Robertson who is still on salary, and that we continue to use her to speak at meetings, to help in correspondence and in preparing the Annual Report. Do you approve all of this?

1884, Feby 1st To — Miss Hattie Quigley, Louisville, Kentucky.

The work in New Mexico as a whole was never more encouraging. We ought really to establish eight new schools this year. The Boarding School at Mora opened so well that the building is to be enlarged.

1884, Feby 2 — To — Mrs. C. H. Baldwin, Amsterdam, New York

Your society has done excellently to raise $200.= I congratulate you and ourselves upon this success. I trust those contributing will feel the importance of claiming the promise given to united prayer, and will come together to ask very earnestly for a blessing on the donation made.

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1884, Feby 2d To — Mrs. J. A. P. McGaw, Toledo, Ohio.

Answering your letter, let me say that money sent to Mrs. M. E. Boyd, specified for Mrs. A. R. McFarland's school will be carefully used for that object. You are quite right in thinking this the "proper way" to forward money. When societies do otherwise, sending direct to a teacher, we, here, at headquarters, cannot know when the needs of a school are supplied. One mission might be suffering for supplies while another would have a surplus on hand. Then again, when the bills for food and clothing for a mission boarding school are sent here, to New York, they are examined item by item and when considered correct are paid. In this way we guard details so societies may be assured their money is expended well.

If a society sends its gift direct to Alaska, or elsewhere, it cannot receive credit for it in the Presbyterian Home Missionary nor in the Annual Report of the Board of Home Missions.

Mrs. M. E. Boyd, Treasurer, can enter on her account only such money as has come to her hands.

1884, Feby 6, To — Mrs. E. Sharpe, Helena, Montana,

If you could read a letter just received from Mrs. Cornelius Hedges of your city, you would not wonder at my venturing to write to give you some work to do at once. Enclosed you will find blank forms on which to record the annual reports of your missionary societies, also Sunday schools and mission bands, as to their work for Home Missions. The Synod of Utah was constituted so recently that you have as yet no Woman's Synodical Committee for Home Missions appointed by the Synod.

We trust that some of your women's organizations may have begun to work for Home Missions in advance of that action.

You have the mission field within your boundaries in Utah, and your Christian women must realize the importance of meeting together in prayer for it in every church, even where much money cannot be gathered for its support. I hope the coming meeting at Bozeman may have good results.

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1884, Feby 5th — To Rev. D. J. McMillan, D.D., Salt Lake City, Utah.

Cannot you wait till after the next meeting of Utah Presbytery before giving a positive answer to that Montana College? I told our Executive Committee the other day that our school work in Utah seemed to me like a fan with the sticks all loose because its rivet was out. Presbytery may reconsider its hasty action of last fall. You know well that we need a superintendent of schools, and it is very desirable to retain all good friends in the presbytery.

1884 — Feby 5, Miss E. Delia Harthan, Selma, Alabama.

How soon could you leave for Utah? Our teacher at Spanish Fork, Utah, Miss Lucy Perley, has a sister who is very ill with no prospect of recovering and we are anxious to grant her request for several months vacation. When she returns to work next fall, as we hope, you would be given another position. × × × × If you go to Kansas City and are detained there and need advice or help apply to Rev. Timothy Hill, D.D., or to the Rev. Charles L. Thompson, D.D. If obliged to make a stop-over at Denver any of the Presbyterian ministers there would prove most friendly.

1884, Feby 8 To — Rev. E. M. Knox, Malad City, Idaho.

It is much better for you to have a private talk about the dancing and card-playing. Please be certain to speak in time so the offense will not be repeated. I would be sorry to have the teachers suppose it possible that we should think they could do such things; but they must be stopped.

Extract from letter from E. M. Knox, Malad, Idaho, Jany 3, 1884.

The district has promised to pay 90% of the Public School funds, but the Superintendent of Schools is unable to state even approximately what the amount will be. Mr. Knox thinks it will be between \$300.— and \$400.— The expense of the school from Sept. 1, 1883 to Sept. 1st, 1884 is estimated as follows, —

For rent	\$75.—
" fuel	65.—
" stovepipe and fixtures	25.—
" Repairs, lights, brooms, etc.,	25.—
Total —	\$190.—

There may be some expense for putting school desks together. After this year there will be no rent to pay and the expense for fuel will be reduced.

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(Excerpts from Letters written by Alice M. Robertson for Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Secy)

1884, February 7 – To – Mrs. D. C. Wickham, Titusville, Penna

Mr. D. J. McMillan started a few days ago from Chicago for Salt Lake City but expects to give up the work in Utah to assume the presidency of the College at Deer Lodge, Montana. I regret to hear that your letters were unanswered but think that in his rapid journeying from place to place they may have failed to reach him.

1884, Feby 9 – To – Rev. Rufus S. Green, D.D.,

On receipt of your letter I asked the Board of Home Missions if the Rev. Thos. A. Sanson might be appointed the missionary for your Sunday school, and hope my request was not too late. Mr. Sanson has charge of the church and school at Muscogee, Indian Territory. He is doing a most excellent work in a very needy field. Muscogee is a little town of several hundred people. Being on Indian land, white persons are there only on sufferance, but quite a number reside there temporarily as licensed traders, railroad employés, etc. Many Indians, principally half breeds, have their homes there. They understand English. Muscogee transacts more business than any other place in the Territory. It is the terminus of several stage and mail lines. The Indian agent for five tribes has his office there. The territorial fair grounds are there. In short, there are many objects constantly bringing people to sojourn in Muskogee. The Church throws a safe guard around young men far from Christian homes who for its influence are restrained from being dragged down to deeper degradation than the native heathenism of the Indians with whom they come in contact. In such a place the Church and Christian school are like salt, preserving what would otherwise become a loathesome mass of decay. The school Mr. Sanson supervises is a day and boarding school, intended especially for Indian children, but white pupils are admitted as day pupils upon paying their own tuition. It is doing excellent work, and we hope for it a great future. Religious instruction is combined with the literary and industrial training. It has now between fifty and sixty pupils

1884, Feby 21, To – Mrs. C. R. Cruikshank, Brooklyn, N.Y.

The School Committee on Monday authorized the going on at once of the building at Muskogee, Indian Territory. The money for it is not all in hand but enough to warrant the favorable action. Now, that we are to have the building, the next step will be to get it furnished. Would your young girls like to furnish a cottage room? Do you know Mrs. Fannie Bonner who has recently come to your Church? She brought to me a check for $150. – and says she will give more. She said the meeting she attended that day was the first missionary meeting she had ever attended.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1884 – Feby 22 – To – Mrs. R. M. Stevenson, Bozeman, Montana.

I have now an additional argument for pressing Home Missions for the sake of Foreign Missions. Your church has been helped by our Home Board and you are beginning to contribute already to work abroad. I hope there will be no failure to appoint a Woman's Synodical Committee at the next meeting of your Synod. Montana is not represented in the list of Synodical Committees, as the Synod of Utah was not constituted in time, I think, or else it was forgotten.

1884 – Feby 22 – To – Mrs. W. W. Wylie, Bozeman, Montana.

What a grand help it is to have your church become self-supporting. I shall call the attention of our secretaries to your good and true words about our trusted and tried Home Mission Board. × × I enclose suggestions for work in Sabbath schools. It is important that our children should be trained into large views of what our Lord Jesus has given us to do in this world. The "Plans for Sunday Schools" enclosed, can easily be modified to take in Foreign Missions. As a purely Home Missions Committee we cannot include this in our printed helps. – It is delightful to know that all your "pennies" are worth five cents, and I trust your young folks will be greatly blessed in their quintifold contributions.

1884 – Feby – 27 – To – Mrs. E. R. Perkins, 1040 Prospect St., Cleveland, Ohio

Miss De Velling, 1930 Euclid Ave., has applied for a teaching position. Could you inquire about her ability? I feel some prejudice against her, having heard she is about 40 years old, and yet wears her hair in curls down her shoulders. We have to be so careful as to the "appearance of evil." You will understand.

1884 – Feby 27 – Rev. A. K. Caswell, Neche, Dakota.

I have just received exact prices of bells purchased through our Committee: – One of 400 pounds = $130. – ; 500 pounds = $150. = Fixtures for both are included. You might order through Mrs. Teunis S. Hamlin, Troy, New York, direct as well as through us, mentioning my name. Freight charges average the cost of a bell delivered at $200. – I cannot give rates to your location.

1884 – Feby 28 – To – Mrs. E. C. Hickman, Phillipsburg, New Jersey.

I am glad you wish to know the duties of the Synodical Committee. You ask whether it is their duty either by correspondence or visitation to find out what each church in a presbytery is doing for Home Missions. Yes, this is very important, but when you have learned about this I am certain you will be moved to try to stir them up to greater efforts.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Sec'y

1884 — Feb'y 22 — To — Miss Delia M. Hills, 28 Wilcox Block, Oakland, Calif.

Mrs. Haines is so very busy this morning that she asks me to write. She regrets that the matter of your appointment may have to wait three or four weeks for the next meeting of the School Committee of the Board of Home Missions. The work of the Woman's Executive Committee is under the direct supervision of the Board of Home Missions and all appointments must have the approval of that organization.

Dear Miss Hills, I am one of the missionary teachers and know how hard this waiting is. For a year past, I have been working and waiting to obtain funds to build a school in the Indian Territory, and not until this week was the command given to go forward and build. And yet there is always a compensation. The work is so much dearer for the very agony of suspense and for the lessons of hope and trust that have come. I congratulate you that you are to be one of the pioneers in this comparatively new work.

— written for Mrs Haines by Alice M. Robertson.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1884 – March 10, – To – Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Allegheny, Penna.

The three Blanks for Reports sent to each presbytery are for convenience only. When filled out, one should go to Mrs. S. B. Brownell that she may have statistics for our annual Report; of the other two, one should be kept on file by the Presbyterial Secretary and the second should be retained by the Synodical Secretary that all may have an official statement of facts to report to Synod. The statement of money received for the work should include all contributions remitted to our treasurer to March 31st, so as to correspond with receipts reported by our Board of Home Missions. No additional report is required for the October meeting of Synod. The three copies will save much mailing back and forth as would be necessary if one only were prepared. x x Mrs. Harbison has the right idea. The spring report goes to Synod. On some accounts it would be better to have presbyterial meetings held in the spring, but this is of no special consequence, so long as all yearly accounts close March 31st. In many places it has worked well to hold the annual Home Mission Presbyterial and that for Foreign Missions at the same place, giving a day or a day and a half to each department of work. In a Synod of the size of yours it would be well to avoid having too many presbyterial meetings on the same date, but with Mrs Bailey and Mrs. Norcross to help you could hold about four on the same day if you wish. I see you are not quite clear as to the distinction between our organizations for Foreign and Home work, one being voluntary and the other ecclesiastical. Practically, in a local society the distinction need not be pressed.

Do come to Saratoga if possible. I think your "parlor plan" must be modified: time for conversational conferences, limited. Our women do not like to leave General Assembly. It was impossible to hold them away even for our regular meetings. Mrs. Green must decide how much of a report can be read, and it is difficult to compress a report too much and leave any life in it. For three years we had a book for women attending our meetings to register but this consumed too much time and slips of paper were substituted.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1884, March 11, To — Miss Laura Sunderland, 328 C. St., N. W., Washington, D.C.
It is part of our assigned duty as an Executive Committee to spread information about Home Missions among our Presbyterian Churches everywhere.

1884, March 11 — To Mrs. H. G. O. Cary, Janesville, Ohio.
I hope to send to you copy of a letter from Rev. J. Y. Perea of New Mexico. He is himself a converted Mexican, losing his inheritance when he became a Protestant Christian.

1884 — March 18, To — Mrs. M. L. Boynton, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
We have your inquiry regarding the cost of building at Montpelier and Paris, Idaho. I can only approximate as contracts have not been given out, but judge that $1250.— will be needed at each point, outside cost of "lots". Of this the Board of Church Erection will no doubt provide $600.— for each, leaving $650.— for us to raise. Then furnishing will require $150.— or more for each: an organ, if possible, freight included, $80.—; bell, $175.— to $200.— freight included; books, maps, etc., $30.— totaling $1110.— It is delightfully encouraging to see the rising interest in Home Missions.

1884, March 19. To — Mrs. R. H. Allen, Box 258 Pittsburgh, Pa.
I would have returned draft of memorial sooner but wished to confer with friends in regard to it. The preamble and all are thought excellent, but you will note a few changes recommended. × × × Two facts must be impressed upon those in power: one, that there is a great work to be done at the South; the other, that the women intend to take hold of it in some way. How, is the question to be answered. We know the Master will guide. Your paper has been considered carefully and as amended is thought to be sufficiently explicit to secure attention from the General Assembly.

1884 _ March

From letters of Mrs F. E. H. Haines, Secy

To the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church
in the United States of America

Fathers and Brethren: ——

We, the undersigned women of the Presbyterian Church would respectfully ask your attention to a request based on the following facts —

I _ There is imperative need, and an open door for Woman's Work among the six or seven millions of illiterate and degraded Negroes in the South, of whom over three millions belong to our own sex —

II _ While many, and an increasing number of thoughtful women in our Church, recognize this need and this opportunity, and also the importance of organized effort to meet it, yet in view of the number of women's societies already existing they deem it inexpedient to form a new society for this object. —

III _ And, while the last Assembly commended this work (see Minutes, Page 594) to the sympathy and aid of the women of the Church, and urged them to take hold of it with the same spirit with which they have taken hold of other departments of church work, but suggested no plan;

Therefore, in view of the foregoing facts we do earnestly request your venerable body to devise a plan by which the women of the Presbyterian Church can work for the destitute freedmen of the South.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1884, Mar. 18, Rev. J. Y. Perea, Corrales, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
I am glad you wrote that letter about Pajarito, and the demand for schools in other places. The Board of Home Missions is not willing to begin any new work at this season of the year unless perhaps in some place by special recommendation of the Presbytery of Santa Fe. I think it is very important that the Presbytery at its coming session should look over the field very carefully and send to us a record in detail of the needs which by the blessing of God could be met to advantage. By this I mean the name of each location where a school might be established. We should know whether a school room or a building would be needed, and an approximation of the expense; also whether teachers are there ready to be employed or whether we should send them. A complete statement in tabulated form showing needs and careful estimates of expense secures from our Board much more prompt and favorable consideration than a general statement of facts.

1884, Mar 18, To—Miss Jennie Carpenter, Mt. Gilead, Morrow Co., Ohio.
Your letter asking "how much education" is necessary to qualify for the position for missionary teacher has been handed to me for attention. It depends entirely upon the location. The Indians and Mexicans have little knowledge of books, but practical experience as a teacher is important, also ability to lead in singing and to play the organ where only one teacher is employed. As to "Biblical knowledge" the more, the better. Certainly a missionary should be able to create a Sunday school in which sometimes she has to be the sole leader.

1884, Mar. 18, To—Miss Alice Hyson, New Freedom, Penna.
I am glad to know it is yet in your heart to go to New Mexico as a missionary teacher. The work is not merely to teach but to be as truly a missionary as if you were to go to China or Africa. It includes visiting the families of your community as the opportunity develops; holding meetings and a Sunday school where no minister is present to plan for them. Your tact and common sense with consecration of heart will guide you. It is probable that you would be sent where no minister would be located, but some Presbyterian pastor in the vicinity would visit your school occasionally.

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Excerpts from letters of F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1884, Mar. 18, To — Rev G. W. Martin, Manti, Utah.
I am not certain from what Mr. Boyd said yesterday whether you have received a positive request to proceed with any building, but I do hope there will be no delay at Moroni. We are waiting for definite recommendations from the Presbytery of Utah before making appropriations to several points. But decisions have been made with regard to Monroe and Moroni. I was asked to write to make the matter clear. — I do not yet hear from Mrs. Willis, née Sanford, and think she is to be blamed for entering into this new relation without notifying if not consulting with us. I think Dr. Kendall in the goodness and largeness of his heart is too easy about these marriages. — I enclose the certificates that are to be signed for teachers before they receive a commission for service. Your personal approval of a candidate would have real weight, as you know requirements. I usually ask the age, and whether the applicant can sing and play an instrument. We miss Mr. McMillan very much.

1884, Mar. 20 Rev. R. G. McNiece, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Not knowing the exact date for the meeting of your presbytery, we wait to hear what you recommend before deciding on work for the coming fiscal year. If you propose a chapel for a specified locality we will need an approximate estimate of cost of building also whether rooms for a teacher should be added. If you have advice as to changing the locations of teachers, or the establishment of schools in new localities, or perhaps enlargements where schools are already located, very careful consideration will be given to it. Should we undertake work at Provo? I am hoping you can attend General Assembly at Saratoga Springs.

1884, Mar. 22, To Rev. Jose Y. Perea, Coralles, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
We have accepted two teachers who would do well in New Mexico. Our Board does not see the way clear to send them before September. In the meantime they depend on their own efforts for support. As they will be paid by the year's work they could begin in May or September without increase of expense. With tact and good judgment they could serve to advantage. We depend upon you to give us the views of your presbytery.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary.

1884 – Mar. 25 – To – Rev. R. G. McNiece, Ogden, Utah.
Prof. Coyner has probably told you of inquiries made by Miss E. S. Dickey as to the opportunity at Salt Lake City for a first class Kindergarten. As she would need some equipment for a beginning, I do not know whether you will consider this of sufficient importance to submit to presbytery. I leave the matter to your judgment. If this can be included when recommendations for other new schools are sent, it will be likely to receive more favorable esteem. — If God wills, we want to attempt large things during the coming year. The women of our Presbyterian Church are awakening to some degree to the pre-eminent importance of the Mission Work to be done in our country, and I think they will respond in proportion to the definite calls presented in a practical way.

1884, Mar. 25 To – Miss Minnie M. Russell, Belle Valley, Erie Co., Penna
The first preparation for the out-going missionary is self-consecration to the work – a willingness to be and to do anything God may require. The hardness that comes to missionaries is not so much perhaps, in the tearing one's self away from home and friends as in the bearing of the little trials of temper and patience; the being always consistent, always meek, firm in the right way, not self-willed in one's own way. Experience as a teacher is an important qualification and I would suggest that you spend as much time as possible visiting public schools, acquainting yourself with methods of teaching. Strong health is an absolute essential.

1884, Mar. 26 – To – Miss Cassie P. Riddle, Boulder, Colo.
At the end of three years service we pay transportation for the missionary to return home if she expects to return to the work. At the end of five years service we pay transportation both ways. The money donated to our treasury comes to us often after great self-denial on the part of the giver and we are bound to use it with great care. Sometimes when health has seemed a little uncertain a teacher has agreed to refund her travelling expenses to the field if unable to remain at work more than a year, but thus far, I am glad to report health has improved and they have been able to keep at work.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Secretary

1884, March 27 — To Miss Sadie L. Brown, Moroni, Utah.
Sometime ago we heard that some of our missionary teachers in Utah, forgetful of their high office and responsibility, had actually been dancing and doing so in company with Mormons. It was a mere report, so I hoped; but now your name has come to me as one who joined in this very questionable amusement. We do not wish to condemn you unheard; I am even ready to make allowances for you, as your early training may have been such that you have not thought such acts inconsistent with Christian character. Whatever may be the right or wrong of the matter, I want to hear from you yourself all about it. Then, I will write to you again.

1884, Mar. 28, To — Miss Salome Verbeck, Mora, New Mexico.
We are hoping for a decided forward movement this year in New Mexico missions, and hope Mora may prove to be the place where the more promising pupils in the day schools of that locality may be sent for more thorough training. You must judge what changes to propose in the Mexican mode of living for the children and young people coming under your care. May the Lord bless you and them all.

1884, Mar. 29, To — Rev. Maxwell Phillips, Mora, New Mexico.
As openings for mission work in New Mexico seem more encouraging and more abundant than ever before we are hoping for much increase of work. We shall need Mora as a center to which the more promising pupils from smaller schools may be brought for further training.
We hope the Presbytery of Santa Fe will be guided in sending us wise advice as to new work and the number of teachers needed

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1884, March 29 — To — Mrs. Charles E. Walker (who is touring Indiana addressing societies)

I received a beautiful program for the meeting of the White Water Presbyterial Society, and want to send by you a word of thanks and greeting to the dear workers there. While our Lord directs us to care first for our own, his directions are plain as to the "regions beyond," even to the ends of the earth. For the sake of these, and to the glory of Christ, we want to have our country thoroughly illuminated. The help of the Indiana women is really needed to this end. It is not just talk. This morning I read fresh letters from New Mexico containing definite appeals for new schools in specified places. One's heart aches to have to postpone action but you know how our good and careful Board of Home Missions feels obliged to hold us back until promises from societies assure us of money to meet the needs. Above all ask for constant prayer. If the Christian women of our land will continue in earnest and believing prayer their good work will grow.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. D. M. Miller

1884, Mar 8 – To – Mrs. P. D. Cowan, Wellesley, Mass.
I will send to you a report of the Ladies Board of Missions which contains their work among the "poor whites" in the South. This Executive Committee cannot take over this work as the General Assembly have not given it over to the Board of Home Missions, but the secretaries have winked at it, and now, since the Ladies Board have become wholly Foreign, this with the other branches of the Home work has been formally given to the New York Synodical Committee so the same work is being done under another set of officers. As a member of the Synodical Committee I am intensely interested in these noble teachers struggling with such difficulties. We are publishing a new leaflet that I will send to you. We do need money. Perhaps your church will help. The interest in this work is not confined to our Presbyterian Church. Col. Bryant from Georgia, and a Methodist of the Southern Education Society, said the importance of the work at White Hall Seminary, North Carolina, cannot be estimated. He spoke in different churches urging that money be sent to our treasurer. The school is conducted very economically and has been blessed wonderfully in spiritual results.
Miss Ufford, the head teacher, has scholarships at $50. per year.

1884, Mar. 27 – To The Ladies of the Presbytery of Detroit, Michigan.
It is not understood generally perhaps that where a presbyterial society exists, all monies collected by auxiliary societies within the presbytery should be sent through the presbyterial treasurer to this office. This system greatly lessens the increasing pressure here.

1884, Mar. 28 – To – Miss C. B. Wheeler, Bridgeport, Connecticut.
~~In regard~~ to Synodical and Presbyterial Committees, it is not strange that they appear somewhat foggy. As the annual Westchester Presbyterial Meeting is to be held in your city next week, I think light will be thrown on the subject. The president of the New York Synodical Committee, Mrs. M. Hartley Brown, has been obliged to act as secretary as well as president. The treasurer is Mrs. John Sinclair. When all committees are in good working order and the churches fairly understand their work, all will be effectively and systematically carried on.

1884 — April

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1884, April 2 — To — Rev. E. C. Ray, Hyde Park, Illinois.
A letter from Mrs. P. A. Avery, Chicago, says that Mrs. Abel Harwood of Champaign, Illinois, recommended that a Presbyterial Home Missionary Society be organized in the Presbytery of Chicago. Mrs. Harwood is the Synodical Secretary in Illinois for woman's work in Home Missions. Before answering Mrs. Avery, it would seem best to ascertain whether the society of which Mrs. W. F. Wood, formerly of Peotone, was made president had only fainted or was defunct. I hope the way is clear for organization or re-organization. Mrs. Wood's removal so soon from the state, accounts for the collapse. How much reference to the "dead past" do you think wise in present circumstances?

1884, April 2 — To — Dr. Wm C. Roberts, —
I enclose a very satisfactory note from Mrs. R. H. Allen, all but the post-script. Please give me your opinion at once. — In the meantime I will write Mrs. Allen to let the memorial go out in its simple present form, but will promise to write again in case others think it should be even un-officially endorsed by any Board or Boards.

1884, April 3, — To — Miss Laura Sunderland, 328 C. St., N.W. Washington, D.C.
At a meeting of our Committee, last Monday, I was asked to write you that if you were able to visit the churches in the Synod of Baltimore, our Executive Committee would pay your travelling expenses in doing so. If deemed expedient by friends on the spot have a collection taken at every meeting for our General Fund. This gives us the money to pay the above expenses and puts the matter on a different basis regarding yourself. It is a hard thing to ask for money to pay your own expenses.
Mrs. James has told us of you and the efficient way in which you are taking up the work to which God through his Church has called you.

1884, April 4, — To — Mrs. Wm Alling, Rochester, N.Y.
I understand you have a large seed establishment at Rochester: — Messrs Hiram Sibley and Co. We need more seeds for planting the vegetable garden at Sitka, Alaska. Do you think we could have a donation? If more are received than are needed there this year they will be sent on to other missions. Packages of four pounds or less can go through the postoffice and our Committee will gladly pay postage. Parcels can be sent to Mr. A. E. Austin, Sitka, Alaska. Any seeds of the following —

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list will be welcome:

Snap-beans	Sweet corn
Pole-beans	Peas
Beets	Radish
Cabbage	Hubbard squash
Carrots	Tomato
	Winter turnip

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Excerpts from letters Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy.

1884, April 4 — To — Miss Olinda Austin, Sitka, Alaska.

About a week ago about twelve pounds of garden seeds and two catalogs were mailed to your father, postage paid by us. The seeds were donated by Mr. Bruggerhof of Messrs Thorburn & Co., 15 John St., New York. Upon their receipt I am anxious that one of you should write a special note of thanks to Mr. Bruggerhof. If more seeds come to you than you can use this year to advantage, Dr. Jackson assures me that your father will send the surplus to other mission stations in Alaska. I wish your father would tell me what seeds he can save, himself from your garden for use another year. It is well to train the natives into the habit of doing this. Also, we do not like to ask favors too often unnecessarily.

1884, April 4 — To — Messrs B. K. Bliss and Co., Park Place, New York City.

We have mission schools for Indians in Alaska, Dakota, the Indian Territory and New Mexico under the direction of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. At all of these localities we seek to train Indian boys to raise vegetables. If you are disposed to make any donations of the seeds needed, I will gladly send some addresses for mailing in packages of the required size. Our Committee will gladly pay for registered mail.

1884, April 5 — To — Mrs. Amy E. C. White, Wilmington, Del.

P.S. I am so sorry your minister's wife should give a wrong impression; we must make allowance for the fact that she is not acquainted with our work. We must have first class men in charge of this great Home Mission work. Our secretaries could no doubt have much larger salaries as pastors in churches. I think Dr. Roberts's salary in a New Jersey church was $1,000.— more than he receives now; and I think the salaries are $4,000.— each. The members or officers of our Woman's Executive Committee receive no salaries. As the work needed more constant care at the office, a Mrs. D. M. Miller has had to be paid for giving time there. So much new work is to be done this coming year that our Executive Committee will have to engage another paid helper.

1884 — April — Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1884 - April 4, To — Miss Lottie E. Leonard, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.
Mr. Boyd tells us that you and Miss Crowell wish to come east this summer. Our Committee cordially agree to this. I am directed to ask whether you can leave your work at Mt. Pleasant in time to attend our Annual Meeting at Saratoga Springs, New York, Friday, May 23d. We always like to have some of our teachers present if possible.

1884, April 5, To — Miss M. L. Allison, Santa Fe, New Mexico.
We were glad to learn that you hope to take a vacation this summer and are very pleased to have you do so. Could you leave the school without detriment to its work, so as to attend the Annual Meeting of our Committee to be held at Saratoga, N.Y., on Friday, May 23d? Perhaps you can have someone take your place pro tem. Let me have your home address and I will write again.

1884, April 5 — To — Mrs. M. Riggs Morris, Sisseton Agency, Dakota.
You will excuse me, Mrs. Morris, for asking many questions, but your work has so recently become connected with our Woman's Executive Committee, that I know less about it than any other.

1884, April 8 — To — Prof. J. M. Coyner, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Your letter also letters from Dr. McNiece and Rev. G. W. Martin came in time for the meeting of our Committee yesterday, the seventh. I may say that, on the whole, the proposition to purchase the "Liberal Institute" was received favorably. Of course, we had the Secretaries and Mr. Boyd in consultation. The matter of such a purchase was too important to decide without the School Committee. I expect to see Rev. Dr. Henry M. Booth, Chairman, tomorrow. The School Committee meets on Monday, the 14th instant, after which an answer will be telegraphed to you. We approve of your meeting Mr. Martin at General Assembly. The question as to holding meetings and where can then be decided.

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1884, Apl 8 – To – Rev. Geo. W. Martin, Manti, Utah.

Your letter of the first instant, also letters from Prof. Coyner and Dr. McNiece of the second instant, reached us in time for the meeting of our Executive Committee yesterday. The notice of your own appointment by Presbytery as "District Superintendent" was received with decided approval by our good secretaries, and our Committee was quite ready to join with them in this. May the Lord guide you in the new duties involved. The title is is a new one to me. When you come east you can explain what it implies. The question of purchasing the "Liberal Institute" could not be decided without the consent of the School Committee of the Board of Home Missions. This committee will meet on the 15th instant. After conference yesterday it was decided to telegraph Prof. Coyner to secure a refusal of the building until next Tuesday, the fifteenth, also to have him come east to present the school-work at large to meetings that should be held. The "new purchase", could be presented in the larger demand. In arranging for meetings we have found a decided advantage to pay great respect to the Committees on Home Missions appointed in each presbytery and synod, so as to have such meetings held under their auspices, or in full cooperation. Where you visit seminaries you might by writing in advance get a meeting at each. Of one danger, I have heard no special mention, viz, that the very toleration of polygamy and disloyalty to our country for so long may really lower the tone of public sentiment and prove a sort of blood-poisoning as well as a local cancer.

1884, Apl 12 – To – Rev. B. B. Van Nuys, Livingston, Ky.

I was sorry that your synod at its meeting in October did not appoint a Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions. Though many women in your state are interested, it would help to have them brought into the regular organization of our Committee. I enclose a list showing that 17 synods have made such appointments. The synods of Atlantic, Iowa, Kentucky and Utah have failed to do so. The last failed only because so recently constituted. I mention this thinking that you may be disposed to favor the desired appointment if you attend the meeting of Kentucky Synod next year

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. Haines, Sec'y

1884 – April 12 – To – Mrs. Liggett
I really cannot take time to come to your meeting next Tuesday. There is so much to be done just now and can have only irregular help in answering letters. — I cannot express at all what I feel about New Jersey. It was like taking a part of my life away to leave it, and it is difficult as well as delightful to meet the dear workers there. Will you give my love to those who attend our meeting. As years pass on it seems more and more important to give the Gospel to our own country and to the whole world. We must strengthen the things already undertaken, as well as to push on into new enterprizes.

1884, April 14 – To – Mrs. Charles E. Walker, % Mrs. D. B. Wells, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
If able, go to Chicago to organize a presbyterial society, perhaps. Mrs. Laura Curtis of Evanston, Mrs. M. R. Woods, Ellis Park, Chicago, and also Rev. E. O. Ray of Hyde Park write urging this. Please see Mrs. Mary Ely of Dr. McPherson's Church, 208 – 28th St, Chicago. I write to Mrs. Woods. After Chicago, please come home. I need you here and you need rest. Do not stay for any more meetings at present. We want $6,000.– to buy property joining our Salt Lake City property to undertake a Kindergarten as an addition to Salt Lake Institute

1884, April 15 – To – Miss Backus, Schenectady, New York.
As to a paid clerk for your Synodical Committee in New York Synod, this is a matter for your Synodical Committee to decide itself. I quite agree with you that our best voluntary workers are becoming used up. Now, please give attention to another matter. It relates to the daily meeting for "prayer and acquaintance" held during the week preceding our annual public missionary meetings. These were commenced in quite an informal way when our Woman's Executive Committee held its meeting during the General Assembly at Saratoga in 1879. Being proposed by some of us, I suspect the impression may have been made that these were distinctly Home Missionary Meetings. Discovering this we took pains to invite some Foreign Missionaries to lead and take part. But it was not at all the primary idea to have these considered missionary meetings. They were simply for "prayer and acquaintance," where a woman from Texas or Wisconsin, coming perhaps once in her life to the feast, might learn to know at least by sight the women from Ohio and Michigan. Meeting together in our own meetings or at the Assembly does not spread this information. Some have said to me: Please, never fail

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to have these meetings for acquaintance as well as for prayer. In the process of time, questions have arisen: "Who shall give the notice of these meetings?" "Who shall lead them?" "How shall the names of those present be received?" "When shall they be read out?" I am more than ready to give into other hands all arrangements for these meetings.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1884, Apl 16 – To – Rev. Timothy Hill, D.D., Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Alice M. Robertson writes favoring purchase of a property at Ochmulgee, Indian Territory for $1200.– which could not be built for less than $1800.– The house would serve for all present mission purposes including several boarders whose friends would pay the board. Do you recommend this outlay?

1884, April 16 – To – Mrs. C. L. Bailey, Harrisburg, Pa.
The Presbytery of Utah has laid out a large work for our consideration and adoption. Among other things the purchase of the Liberal Institute property adjoining the present Presbyterian Mission. – Prof. J. M. Coyner, Rev. G. W. Martin and Mr. Blohm, an elder of Mr. Martin's church are to come east, the two latter as Commissioners to General Assembly. Mr. Blohm is a converted Mormon, employed as colporteur by the American Tract Society for a time, and now studying for the ministry in the Salt Lake Collegiate Institute. At one time he was private secretary to Brigham Young and a polygamist. The Board of Home Missions has authorized us to buy an addition to the Salt Lake City property and these gentlemen will help raise the needed money. Can you use them in Harrisburg?

1884 – April 16 – To – Miss E. S. Dickey, 830 Capitol St, Philadelphia, Pa.
I left your "papers" at the office, but have the impression there was no regular "certificate" of church membership among them; and I see in your letter that you say: "I send certificate from the minister nearest us, whose church I often attend." The Board of Home Missions will require more than that; and we should like to receive another by next Monday or Tuesday. To keep our work in line we must use more or less of "red tape". It will be a good plan for you to send the other testimonials you mention, from the Superintendent of Sunday School, and also Superintendent of the Sunday School at the House of Refuge. Can you send one as to education and ability as a teacher of Kindergarten?

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines
Secretary

1884, April 16, To Prof. J. M. Coyner % Mr. C. M. Whitehead, Maryville, Missouri

We shall want a few words from you at our Saratoga meeting. Time is so limited we can allow only a short period for each field. I suspect you would like to tell of the growth of the work since you spoke at Saratoga in 1879, but let the past be lost in the vast outlook for the future, if the Church will meet present opportunities. In going to the churches we ask you and Mr. Blohm to make it clear to them that you have not only the full endorsement of the Presbytery of Utah, but also of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions and its annex, the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions. We have had complications and enough trouble from appeals made by workers having no direct connection with us and our Board of Home Missions, to whom we were in no sense responsible and for whose methods and expenditures we gave no authority. Therefore it should be clearly understood that you work under our Presbyterian Board. Money raised at any particular place should, I think, pass through the hands of the treasurer of the local organization, to our treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Boyd, 23 Center St., New York. If the local pastor should prefer to send it to Mr. O. D. Eaton, Treas. of the Board of Home Missions, it should be carefully specified "for School Work in Utah." Otherwise it would be credited to the "General Fund" of the Board of Home Missions and would ~~would~~ not accomplish the good intended. You are quite right in not wishing to carry the money to the Board yourself.

1884, April 22 – To Miss Alice M. Robertson, Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Yesterday at the meeting of the School Committee, it was agreed to purchase the property at Okmulgee, and your line of procedure was <u>most heartily approved</u>, so you need feel anything but discouragement. I received a telegram from Dr. Timothy Hill saying he did not know the property, but had confidence in the judgment of the gentleman who recommended it. – We have just bought a fine supply of blankets, enough to supply all the mission schools in the land!

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1884 - April 22 - To - Miss Matilda L. Allison, Santa Fé, New Mexico.
Your letter of the 10th inst. was brought before our Committee yesterday and I was directed to write to invite you very cordially to attend our Annual Meeting at Saratoga Springs, N.Y. on Friday, May 23rd. We are glad you do not mind the journey, only the expense. We find you have been in our work so long that we should pay half of your railroad fare, and we now intend to pay it in full so as to have your help at our meeting. We pay also three days board at Saratoga, but you may arrive as long before the meeting as you wish, at your own expense. - If you cannot procure permits for half fare on the railroad, telegraph Mr. O. D. Eaton at our office to send one. May the Lord guide you and continue to use you.

1884 - April 22, To - Rev. George W. Leonard, Springville, Utah.
I have written Miss Eugenia Munger to come east to attend our Annual Meeting and send the letter in your care, thinking she may have already left Springville.

1884, April 22 - To Miss Eugenia Munger, Springville, Utah.
Our Committee met yesterday and your request, emphasized by Miss Lucy Perley, is granted. Furthermore we want you to come to Saratoga Springs, N.Y. to attend our Annual Meeting, Friday, May 23rd.

1884 - April 24 - To Miss Alice M. Robertson, Muskogee, Ind. Ter. (Letter written by Miss L. M. Haines)
Mamma has had several letters lately, asking for small objects for which mission bands could work. Could you send the amount that "one door" or one "window" is going to cost, or the price of "the nails" you have had to buy? You might be able to suggest other small items which would be suitable objects for mission bands. I am certain mamma must have your fullest pity when you think of her depending upon my uncertain assistance. Letters seem to come in, in a remorseless way, and we look just as dusty and untidy as ever down in the office.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1884, April 24, To Mrs. M. Riggs Morris, Sisseton.

We would like to know what kind of a helper, and for what sort of work Mrs. Newton has need. Should we engage one here? What salary or wages per month should she receive? The following question may amuse you, but, are there no Indian women who could be brought into good service? Please remember that we know little as yet of your mission and its needs. — We were sorry about your troubles with burning green wood, and hope this year your requisition for the supplies for next winter will be made early. At the time of ordering the wood last year your mission was not working under our Board of Home Missions.

1884, April 24 — See Information for applicants

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Excerpts from letters Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1884, April 16, To – Mr. Blohm, –
I want to assure you personally of the great interest our Woman's Executive Committee takes in your visit to the east. We thank God for showing the power of His Grace in your behalf, and trust He will use you to great and good effect, as from your own experience you can tell of the ins of Mormonism, and most happily of there being a way out of it as well. – Our Annual Meeting is to take place (N.Y.) at Saratoga on Friday, May 23d. We shall want you to speak for us then.

1884, April 19 – Mrs. Helen F. C. Black, Bellaire, Ohio
It is right to send out every leaflet or letter with a prayer. We are learning to recognize the leading of God's hand in our work, and that we can do nothing of ourselves. A presbyterial society is composed of all the officers of each local society who thus associated together endeavor to have work done in every church in the presbytery, however weak or small the churches may be. The women can do the best kind of work by meeting to pray for our country even where they have little money to give. You will need to send an invitation to the women in every church in the presbytery to come to the meeting for organization. Do not be afraid that too many will come. The more the better.

1884, April 28, To – Rev. W. C. Roberts, D.D., Secretary
I wish to say something more about arrangements for the year, and hardly know how to express it. – This school-work has become large. A few women, meeting once a fortnight cannot manage it to any proper advantage. We cannot expect the School Committee to give it much more time and attention than at present. Your time and that of Dr. Kendall are filled. Two secretaries were necessary for the Board before we had this school work. I do not know any woman competent to undertake the business concerned. For myself, even if younger, and still able to give time to the work, I would not venture to attempt it. It seems desirable too to have this, about "sixth part" of your work, represented at the regular meetings of the Board. This, neither you gentlemen, nor we, would wish nor allow a woman to do. The thought is whether Mr. Boyd's position could be connected with this School work, that (altho in no independent way) he could supervise it with one or more clerks.

(Letter unfinished in copying book.
It was written by Mrs. Haines' hand.)

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Excerpts from letters Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1884 – May 2 – Miss Mary J. Peck, Elizabeth, N. J.
Last evening the newly appointed superintendent of Utah missions work, Rev. E. W. Martin, showed me a photograph of Mr. Newton Clemenson, who is the young man Miss Pierce called in to help her adjust a stove pipe, and was the means under God of his conversion. He is studying now for the ministry. – As your anniversary comes next week, you might like to have Mr. Martin to tell this story and show the picture. If Mr. Martin has other engagements, Rev. E. W. Knox of Malad City, Idaho, might serve the purpose. Are you going to our Annual Meeting?

1884, May 8 – To – Miss Ruth E. Plummer, West Newton, Penna.
As the coming presbyterial meeting will be your first, I am not surprised that you feel some anxiety about it. I advise you to consult the president of your Synodical Society, Mrs. S. S. Bryan. As she takes an outlook for the whole of Pennsylvania Synod, she may advise the Presbyterial Societies to plan their meetings in such successive order that speakers can be engaged to go from place to place.

1884, May 10, To – Mrs. J. C. Troup, Bowling Green, Ohio
Last letters received from Sitka speak of a remarkable religious interest among the natives, and it is hoped that perhaps more than thirty of them will wish to connect themselves with our Church. This is the best news of all, and I hope your society will pray that God will continue the blessings upon the efforts that you and others have given to carry the Gospel to this far off land.

1884, May 10 – To – Mrs. Darwin R. James, Washington, D.C.
Miss Best spoke to me yesterday of having a Mrs. Taft and her daughter Miss Taft go into work in Utah. She said you are well acquainted with them. Before any further action is taken, it is important that you send your opinion in regard to the matter. From three of our schools in the Cache Valley, Utah, Wellsville, Hiram and Millville, families have been sent away into the Snake River Valley, Idaho, to form a colony there, because the children of these families have been sent regularly to our mission schools. 2000 of these Mormons, altogether, have gone to one of the finest islands in Idaho, and have taken up the best land in that territory. A Mr. Anderson, father of one family, who had been employed as carpenter in building chapels in the above mentioned localities, writes to one of the teachers that if a teacher could be sent to them in Idaho they would put up a building for themselves.

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

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1884, May 10, — To Miss Lottie Leonard, Mt. Pleasant, Utah:

A letter received this week from Miss M. E. Mickles of Titusville, Penna. tells that the society there is much interested in Mount Pleasant Mission, and has pledged to raise the money needed for the addition to your building. This is good news to us as well as to you. Miss Mickles wishes very much to have you and Miss Crowell come to Titusville during your vacation to spend several days there. I have asked her to write to you, and hope you may be able to accept her invitation.

1884, May 11th, To Rev. E. M. Knox, 228 W. 29th St., New York, N.Y.

Enclosed is letter received yesterday from Miss Van Wormer that causes me to judge that it would be almost cruel to require her and her sister to keep the school at Malad City (Idaho) open until July. I do not wish to bring this matter to our School Committee without consulting you. Please let me hear from you before next Monday. As I think about it, I am convinced that _you_ should have more comfortable living quarters at Malad City. Will you draw a plan for a house, the cost not to exceed $1000.—, to be placed on the lot in such a position, and with rooms so arranged, that an addition could be added to it if in the course of time we should decide to take boarding pupils. I think the only way to secure the money for it would be for you to raise it yourself, without any reference to an arrangement with the Board of Home Missions, for I can imagine it would be a great trial of feeling for you to ask for a personal gift for yourself, and the whole matter will be on a different basis if contributors understand that the property will be held, as is other property belonging to the Presbyterian Church. This plan might be approved if you will agree to pay the same amount of rent ($10.00 per month) as you are now paying for the building you occupy. If boarding pupils are admitted to your school later the premises could be enlarged.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1884, May 12, To — Rev. T. F. Day, American Fork, Utah.

I have your note giving the recommendation of the Presbytery of Utah regarding the need for sending only such teachers as have "had at least one year of teaching experience, and sufficient knowledge of music to play the organ and to lead in singing Moody and Sankey hymns." We have tried in the past to secure such qualifications, and shall endeavor to meet your wishes in the future. We need wisdom from above to locate those fitted to our unique work. We have studied the list of vacancies and places for new work in Utah and Idaho very carefully with Rev. G. W. Martin. To our surprise we found that, should we send one teacher into the Snake River Valley, we must engage twenty-six. But do not feel discouraged because we know that the Lord will provide workers and also the money for whatever He intends to have done.

At this distance, and without seeing the teachers we have difficulty in assigning them to exact locations, even after their commissions have been granted, and I write partially for your advice as to whether you think it is a better plan for us to send on several teachers together and to have them assigned to their stations according to the decision of workers on the field.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy.

1884, May 11 — To — Mrs. Richard Folsom, 93 W. Pearl St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Only to think of receiving an invitation nearly a year in advance for my daughter and myself to stay with you next year in May! Yet I cannot say that I am totally surprised at your kindness in this proposition. We all know how impossible it is to plan even a short time in advance, but it is restful to commit the future to One who has taken wonderful care of us in the past.

1884, May 11 — To — Mrs. C. L. Bailey, Harrisburg, Penna.

The money received is so far short of what seems to us might be spent to advantage, that we hardly pause to look at "the things that are behind," in view of all the openings before us for the coming year. And again, we sometimes think the Board of Home Missions keeps its head almost too "level". But we know the Lord will suffer the work to go on, just as far and as fast as is according to His will.

1884, May 11 — To — Miss L. A. M. Grove, 1926 Pine St., San Francisco, Calif.

As far as I can now judge, I shall probably arrive at San Francisco on the steamer from Portland about August 21st, and it is probable that I can remain about a fortnight. Besides looking over the field at Anaheim I wish to visit a cousin there. — Do not think that I am what is called a public speaker, but I can give some information as to the great work opening before us more widely than ever before. I know that I learn something new regarding it every day; another thing, a visit from any one "out of town" attracts a little attention to a subject, so that, possibly the coming of one of our Committee to California may help to arouse attention to this Home Missionary work.

1884, May 28 — To — Mrs. C. L. Bailey, Saratoga, N.Y.

I have to trouble you with a message from our Committee to Miss Dyer, not knowing where to address her.

At the meeting of our Executive Committee on Monday last the 26th, it was decided that Miss Dyer be cordially requested to take a position in our office until next October first. Can you tell her of this? Mrs. Charles E. Walker is there for such time until she ~~can~~ be relieved to return to her husband in Colorado. We hope you can spare Miss Dyer for this more general work

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Sec'y.

1884, May 28 – To – Miss F. E. Dyer.

I do not know where to locate you, but trust this message from our Committee may reach you soon. – You are cordially invited to help us at our office until October first, next. During the heat of the summer you will not be asked to stay there all day, as your work can be done at home, and it may be that for a time you need not be there at all. Our Committee will pay fifty dollars per month while you are with us. At present I know of no one who can care for this work as well as you.

1884, May 28 – To – Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,

A most unheard of and unexpected proposal has been made through the extra kindness of the Synodical Committees and our Executive Committee. They propose that I and one of my daughters shall go to Alaska!! Now, what do you think of my trying to do it? I would like to consult with Mrs. Jackson, but do not know where you and she are. When should we have to start?

1884, May 29 – To – Miss F. E. Dyer,

This is my fourth attempt to communicate with you to ask you to help in our office until October first. Mrs. Miller's resignation is accepted and she will leave finally the day after tomorrow. Mrs. Walker is to be in the office for a few days, or until you can come there, as we hope; but she is anxious to get off to Colorado.

1884, May 30 – To Mrs Wm C. Dorris, Huntingdon, Pa.

I wish you could have been with us at Saratoga this year. x x A decidedly forward movement was made in regard to the Freedmen. Our Executive Committee is asked by General Assembly to permit societies to raise money for this work in the south, all to be sent to our treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Boyd who is to pay that designed for the Freedmen to Dr. Allison of Pittsburgh. The arrangement is a simple and natural one, and we trust it may be carried out with good effect. We have yet to get the vote of the Board of Home Missions on it. It was decided at Saratoga that Mrs. R. H. Allen of Pittsburgh should be put at the head of this department.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1884, May 30 — To - Rev. D. J. McMillan, D.D., Deer Lodge, Montana.

I knew there was a matter of importance about which I wished to speak to you before we parted at Saratoga. It was regarding an organ offered as a gift by a lady who proposed that it be sent to you if you would like it, as you seemed to be a good hand at "reorganization" in more senses than one. I would like an answer on this soon. If we can send it a little out of the direct line of Home Mission Schools, could you afford in your rich college to pay the expense of freight on the organ?

Dr. George B. Hayes was at our house and a few friends were invited to meet him. Among other questions, he was asked: "Suppose you had $100,000.= put into your hands to be used for the benefit of the cause of Christ in this country, what would you do with it?" He said at once, "I would apply it toward the higher education of the young people in the west;" and instanced the effect, either for good or evil, of the influence in the vicinities of Harvard and Princeton, giving these two colleges as typical examples. He spoke of Baltimore as settled originally by Presbyterians, without any provision there for the education of its young people, and now, the Roman Catholics have obtained the ascendancy.

1884 Teachers Accepted, Stations Proposed.

1884, May Action of the General Assembly in regard to work among the Freedmen.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1884, May 31. — To — Mrs. R. H. Allen, Box 258, Pittsburgh, Penna.

The attested copy of the action of General Assembly with regard to work among the Freedmen came to me safely this morning from the "reporter" at Saratoga. Mrs. Green wished to forward it to you, but I think it will be well to retain it until after Monday next when the School Committee of the Board of Home Missions meets (D.V.), and it will be well for these gentlemen to see it in its most approved, certified form. Last Monday evening, I spoke with Rev. Henry M. Booth, D.D., of Englewood, N.J., who is Chairman of our School Committee, and (begging pardon of the others,) the most influential member of it. He seemed quite pleased and satisfied with the arrangement proposed, and I therefore trust the Board of Home Missions will approve the plan at their next meeting on June 10th. Until that time, our Committee cannot accept it officially.

Dr. Booth and also Mr. O. E. Boyd think note paper for your use should be prepared. We are to have new paper with a corrected list of officers according to the recent elections at Saratoga. It may be cheaper to have your paper printed at the same time. I enclose a blank sheet for you to arrange your address and the heading "Freedmen's Department." Place your own name as secretary where you choose. It seems better on some accounts to call you "secretary" rather than "superintendent." What do you and Dr. Allen think? I see only one difficulty now. We do not want to degrade you from Vice President to only a Secretary. If so, our note paper must be made to agree with this. Our Executive Committee can make the chang if thought best, and it may be done provisionally next Monday while waiting to hear from you. Now I must take time for a word as to the wonderful and remarkable way in which the Lord has guided this matter. It seems as if we had just to pause, worship and adore, and then go on as He may guide us further.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1884, May 31 — To — Miss Mary E. Holmes, Rockford, Illinois:
Your experience in the Presbytery of Freeport as to the difficulty in securing distinctive Home Missionary reports is not at all peculiar. The same difficulty is experienced elsewhere. In order that yours may be more correct I sent the blanks requested on April 19th.
It was decided at the business meeting of the Synodical Committees held at Saratoga last week to have the reports published this year. I am certain that will give great dissatisfaction, but we can use only such statistics as are sent us, and another year societies may understand the matter better.

1884 — May

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. D. M. Miller

1884, May 16 — Mrs. C. M. Bacon, Londonville, N.Y.

Our teachers' salaries vary but little except for married women who receive less because their husbands are paid, and sometimes an assistant teacher who boards with the family has but $300.– per year. The work among the Sioux Indians at Sisseton Agency, Dakota Territory which has just been transferred to this Board is very interesting. The teachers there have not yet been assigned to our societies. You may have read the history of the mission there in a book entitled "Mary and I" written by Dr. Stephen R. Riggs, giving his forty years of experience there. One of the teachers there at present is a daughter of Dr. Riggs, doing a noble work, and writ[illegible] delightful letters. Her salary is $300.= per year. If your socie[illegible] cannot assume all, some neighboring church may join you i[illegible] raising it, so you may have the first offer to support Mrs. W. K. Morris. I enclose her letter just received and await your wishes.

1884 — June

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. Charles E. Walker,

1884, June 3, To— Mrs. H. G. Phelps, 328 Cedar Ave, Cleveland, Ohio—
I will file your request to take its turn in receiving attention. We have at present no requests from home missionaries who are in need. Of 1400 home missionaries only about 250 make application for aid, so you can readily see why we are unable to meet requests promptly.

1884, June 3, — To— Mrs. M. H. Jones, Piqua, Ohio,
At several of our mission schools among the Indians we do need just the kind of aid you propose to give. I know of none more urgent or worthy than that in eastern Dakotah at Sisseton Agency for the Sioux, where Mr. and Mrs. Morris are faithfully at work. Mrs. Morris, known better perhaps as Mrs. Martha Riggs Morris is the daughter of Dr. Stephen R. Riggs a missionary of the early days to these Indians. You will become much interested in her work, and will find that great assistance can be given there. When ready send your box direct to Mrs. Morris.

1884, June 4, To— Mrs. J. F. Kendall, Laporte, Indiana
With pleasure we send official notice of your election to the office of Vice-President of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions at our Annual Meeting held at Saratoga, N.Y., May 23d, 1884. You have an efficient helper in Mrs. Wells of Fort Wayne, who might render valuable assistance in any public meetings outside of her own presbytery, I should judge.

1884, June 4, To— Mrs. Edward Ely, 208—28th St., Chicago, Ills.
With great pleasure I send official notice of your election to the office of Vice-President of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions at the Annual Meeting held at Saratoga, New York, May 23, 1884.

1884— June 4, — To— Mrs. E. F. Pomeroy, Minneapolis, Minn.
Heretofore, Minnesota has had no representative on our Committee and we are very glad to have her included now in a manner so pleasing to ourselves. We have pleasure in giving you due notice of your election to the office of Vice-President of our Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions at the Annual Meeting, held at Saratoga, N.Y. May 23, 1884. Truly God has led us through strange and unexpected paths since last we met together but God has never forsaken us. Mrs. Sinclair of Iowa, Mrs Pomeroy of Minnesota, Mrs. Little of Nebraska, and Mrs. Walker of Colorado, yet once worked together in Cedar Rapids. Now, once more, we are in the same work. Will our paths meet soon at any point?

1884 — June

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1884, June 3 — To Miss Salome Verbeek, Mora, New Mexico.

You cannot know how pleasant it was to meet Mr. Phillips, and to talk about the work at Mora. I will just say that our Committee prefer that as matron at Mora you do not undertake the housekeeping except for the teachers and the boarding pupils. — In conversation with Prof. John Robertson, he strongly recommends that we endeavor to raise the ideas of Mexican children as to their habits of ordinary life, especially as to food and its preparation for the table. Please give us your ideas. Do you train your girls to cook only such food as they have been accustomed to eat, or do you provide articles of food and methods of preparation that may be quite new to them. The cost for your table might be somewhat increased if they were taught to eat and prepare foods to which they are unaccustomed, but in the end there might be some advantage.

1884, June 4, To — Miss Clemmie A. Brown, Ranchos de Taos, New Mexico.

In talking with Rev. Maxwell P. Phillips, he mentioned the increase in your work, and we recognize the importance of your having more help. — The work in New Mexico is more hopeful in character than ever before. We have great reason to thank God for His blessing in other fields also. News came day before yesterday of great religious interest at Sitka, Alaska.

1884, June 6, To — Miss Josie Curtis, Parowan, Utah.

About your wish to send the girls you mention to Salt Lake Collegiate Institute, I fear you are planning rather too quickly about it. I can see how important it is to separate these girls from present associations, but such plans involve outlay of money and such questions must be submitted regularly to the School Committee of the Board of Home Missions. There is no objection to your making a formal application to have these girls supported at another school than that at Parowan, but I am not very hopeful that this would be granted. These girls are not yet christians, and many others are in similar positions. You should not make yourself personally responsible for their board and tuition at Salt Lake City. Have you thought of Mount Pleasant, or Springville where the board would cost less? Your work is encouraging in many aspects. It seems quite wonderful that you have so good a day school, and have any influence on the young men you mention!

1884 — June

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1884, June 4 – To – Mrs A. L. Polk, 830 Market St, Wilmington, Del.
You speak of boys having organized a band. This is just the right thing for them to do. It will help train them to become intelligent American and Christian citizens. I wish more of such bands or clubs of boys could be formed.

1884, June 5 – To – Mrs. James M. Ham, 278 St. James Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.
I have heard this morning from Mr. Boyd that the School Committee approve of our undertaking the Freedmen's work, as proposed by General Assembly; also, that they favor the adoption by the Board of Home Missions of the North Carolina work; for all of which we have reason to be very thankful, and I trust that the Board of Home Missions at their meeting next Tuesday will adopt the recommendations of the School Committee. We know it will be done if in line with God's will.

1884, June 5, To – Mrs. C. N. Olds, Columbus, Ohio
The Synodical Committees held a business meeting at noon, May 23d for the election of officers, etc. It was decided to have every synod represented, if possible, by a Vice-President, and this was accomplished, I believe, except in the case of the synods of Atlantic and Kentucky. This, however, increased the number somewhat inconveniently, so some names were left off, as in Ohio, where there were three, and in Nebraska, ditto. I am sorry to report your name as omitted from the list, though I am certain this will not lessen your interest in the work.

1884, June 5 – To – Mrs. Charles E. Walker, 23 Center St, New York
I am very thankful to know that the Freedmen's Work is accepted by the School Committee, and a little to my agreeable surprise, that of North Carolina, as well. It shows progress, also in another direction, that the Mexican school at Los Angeles is also approved. If Miss Afford of North Carolina calls will you ask if she can come to see me? Fearing some disappointment as to seeing Miss Afford, will you talk with her very fully about her work in the south. I do not quite understand about having one of the schools given up. She may know of some other point where it is important to start a new school if that at Concord can be taken care of by persons there.

1884 – June

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. Charles E. Walker

1884, June 4, – To – Mrs. L. S. Bartlett, Maryville, Tenn.
We are glad to send official notice of your election to the office of Vice-President the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions at the Annual Meeting of the Synodical Committees held at Saratoga, N.Y. May 23, 1884.
While sorrowing for the loss of our esteemed Mrs. McClung, we are glad that one is called to fill her place whose heart is with us in the great work laid upon us.

1884, June 4 – To – Mrs. W. A. Smick, Roseburg, Oregon.
I take pleasure in sending official notice of your recent election to the office of Vice-President from the Synod of the Pacific of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions at the annual Meeting of the Synodical Committees held at Saratoga, N.Y. May 23, 1884. This work is one of growing urgency and importance.

1884, June 4 – Similar notices were sent to –
Mrs. E. S. Moore, Three Rivers, Michigan
Mrs. C. L. Bailey Harrisburg, Penna.
Mrs. Geo. D. Phelps, Simsbury, Conn.

1884, June 11, – To – Miss Gerard, Ashbourne, Penna.
I am so glad to see that the young auxiliary at Ashbourne is earnestly at work. I believed God would bless you when He brought us together for organization. Pray, believe, read, read concerning every department of our school work. To those who will not read – tell them at monthly meetings, in social conversation the things you know. Can you not see how, if each made a point of this sort of work, the knowledge of the stirring facts would spread, and hearts would be irrisistibly enlisted and quickened. Recommend this plan to each member of your society.

1884, June 11, – To – Mrs. F. H. Seeley, Delhi, N.Y.
Mrs. D. M. Miller, the Corresponding Secretary, has been compelled to resign on account of her eyes and I am taking her place by request of the Executive Committee.

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1884, June 6 — To The School Committee of the Board of Home Missions

Gentlemen, —

Miss Clara A. Cox, M. D., now at 11 Second Street, Brooklyn, N.Y., would like to go into missionary work in Utah.

Four years ago arrangements were about complete for a Miss Richards, M. D., of Grand Rapids, Michigan, to receive a commission as teacher in Cache Valley with the understanding that she would return to our treasury her travelling expenses to Utah if she left the work for the independent practice of her profession before the end of three years; also that while under commission all money received by her as fees should be credited upon her salary.

This is essentially the same principle upon which arrangements are made with teachers especially qualified to give music lessons: as Miss Hutchinson now in Montana, Miss Leonard at Mt. Pleasant, Utah, and Miss Van Worden at Malad City, Idaho.

We believe that a good physician has better opportunities than almost any one else for access to a Mormon home.

In Foreign Mission work it is thought now so important to send out lady-physicians, that the Society pays even for the education of such in advance.

The proposal we respectfully suggest as to Miss Clara A. Cox is that she be commissioned as teacher to Spring City, Utah; the teacher there, Miss Fannie E. Kyle, having resigned for the present in order that she, herself, may study medicine. She does this not only ~~because~~ because it was in her mind before, but because her experience in Utah has convinced her that with such knowledge she would be more useful as a missionary.

Miss Cox is willing to go on the terms mentioned above as having been proposed at one time to Miss Richards. It is her wish to establish a dispensary as soon as is feasible. She has experience in this method of work. She is ready to take all the duties of the school-room until such time as it may seem best to appoint another teacher in her place.

F. E. H. Haines,

Secretary

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secretary

1884, June 6 — To — Miss Whitaker, 1107 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo.

At the meeting of the School Committee of the Board of Home Missions you were accepted for a commission to work at Muscogee, Indian Territory. It may not be necessary for you to go to your work until September. I want to impress upon you that the work at Muscogee should be emphatically of missionary character, and I trust you will go with a determination, by the help of God, to make His "great salvation" known. While the duties of the school room must be honestly and faithfully performed, our interest in the school there is on account of its relation to the spread of the Gospel. The character of the school depends upon what the teachers employed make it by example and precept.

1884, June 6, To — Miss Alice Hyson, New Freedom, Penna.

You will be glad to know that your application was received favorably by our School Committee yesterday though the matter cannot be fully decided until next week. However, you may consider yourself as virtually accepted as an assistant teacher, probably somewhere in New Mexico.

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Excerpts from letters of Miss F. A. Dyer

1884, June 12, To — Mrs. S. A. McLaughlin, Oil City, Penna.

I am pleased to find that your infant society is reaching toward vigorous youth by activity. Many missionary societies lack the exercise to read and inquire and fail to get results. Where the spirit of inquiry exists there are knowledge and service.

Our scholarships are designed to aid in paying current expenses of our schools, as most of our pupils pay no tuition and our societies find special objects an incentive to interest and work. If our organizations would be willing to contribute to the General Fund we should have no need for scholarships.

We have scholarships for both Day and Boarding schools, as follows:

Day school scholarships are everywhere — $25 —
Except at Collegiate Institute, Salt Lake, Utah — 30. — per year

Boarding Schools —
Alaska and Utah — 100. — " "

Indian Territory —
Spencer Orphanage, Doaksville 100. — " "
Girls School, Muskogee, 100. — " "

New Mexico —
Pueblo Indian Training School Albuquerque 50. — " "
Mexican schools 75. — " "

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Secy

1884, June 7 — To — Rev. Sheldon Jackson, D.D.,
Will you please send circulars regarding Alaskan excursion to Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., Madison, New Jersey, also to Miss Mary E. Holmes, c/o Rev. Dr. Mead Holmes, Rockford, Illinois. My son Rev. F. S. Haines has the consent of his church to go to Alaska on the excursion. Is there any doubt as to there being room for him?

1884, June 13 — To — Mrs. R. H. Allen, Box 258, Pittsburgh, Penna.
At last I have received assurance in writing that the Board of Home Missions agrees to the arrangement proposed by General Assembly as to work among the Freedmen. I am certain we feel like pausing to worship and adore, coming before God, with thanksgiving as well as with supplication. What a world of work opens in this southern field. I have written already of your election as "Secretary" with the understanding that you have charge of this Freedmen's Department. The name "Secretary" seems to answer better than to attempt a new one. It is flexible, and not intended to limit your powers, but we must have some regard to precedent in this new and unique arrangement; and I just want to talk this morning as if we were together, and if you could see into my heart, you would know I do not wish to dictate in any sense. From your loving words, letters and "eyes", I think we understand each other. First, about Mrs. Coulter: You write about note paper for you and her, whether her name shall appear under yours as Assistant Secretary. As to your relation to the local Committee at Pittsburgh: Can you not be secretary of that also, and Mrs. Coulter, secretary too? This would prevent confusion. You may have some person in the Pittsburgh committee who can act as chairman. Would this answer? I have written Dr. Craighead that I am sending the enclosed letters from him to you, and that all matters relating to the Freedmen will be referred to you. — Mrs. Boyd's name as treasurer will be helpful if printed on your leaflets. We are to send out some leaflets before long, and yours could go in the same wrapper, so saving postage. We can easily let you know the proportion of expense your Committee should have in this, and this would not interfere with other distributions you can make direct. When going into partnership the first thing is to take account of stock. You know what work is begun, and you may think it is best

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1884, June 13 - Letter to Mrs. R. H. Allen, concluded
to prepare a leaflet telling of work to be done. I think it would be in order for you to send some kind of report as to your Department to be entered on our Minutes once in three months. I imagine this would be more convenient for you than to attempt to send it more often. Then too, some account of your visits south, or whatever you would like to use as an appeal might appear in our section of the Presbyterian Home Missionary.
The regular meetings of our Executive Committee are held the first and third Mondays of each month, from ten to about three o'clock. In summer these are somewhat interrupted. But sometimes you can plan journeys perhaps in a way to be present.

Signed, F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1884 June —

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Sec'y

1884, June 14 — To — Mrs. D. R. James, 1412 I. Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.
I shall show your letter to Dr. Henry M. Booth, hoping it may help him to get a promise from the School Committee to build at Spanish Fork, Utah. That Committee has been most unexpectedly conservative, though we sent a strong resolution calling their attention to the fact that our appropriations of the year before had been met fully by receipts, and that we believed that when the Lord brought a work, He would provide means for carrying it on to the close of the year. Just now we seem to be quite shut off from establishing Academies, and yet, I suppose we should receive definite contributions towards the ones proposed at Springville or Logan.
While we need money for our General Fund, I find that you see that people will give more to a special work that is presented in proper appeals.

1884, June 14 — To — Miss Eugenia Munger, Care Mrs. Lane, Elizabeth, N. J.
There is a society at Decatur, Illinois that has been greatly disappointed, almost discouraged, because we have never sent a live missionary teacher to visit them. The case needs attention. At one time, I heard, they had almost thought of giving up any further effort. I think they had an idea that all our missionary teachers came east every summer, and we were a little careless in not sending at least one to them. In planning your return trip to Utah will you please stop at Decatur, Illinois? The pastor there is Rev. Wm H. Prestley.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec.

1884, June 13 – To – Miss Kate Best, 23 Center St., New York
I have not thought to tell you of the interest taken in your school by Miss Julia Russell, Matron of the Presbyterian Home at Darby Road and 58th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. When you go to Philadelphia, I want you to be certain to go to see her. She has been much pleased with letters received from you. A number of the inmates there keep mite boxes in their rooms and their contributions have amounted to a considerable sum. Miss Russell, herself, has made large donations, as much as twenty-five dollars at one time. She asked that a tablet in memory of a relative, in fact, more than one relative, who died some years ago, be placed in one of our school rooms. We proposed that the names be placed in a room at Salt Lake City but delay, and the desire of a donor of $1000.– who requested that no other name than hers appear caused further delay.
She is so interested in your work at Wellsville, that I want you to get from her the exact names and dates, also the texts to accompany them, to have them engrossed on parchment, nicely framed, and hung on the wall of your Chapel. Send the bill to me and it shall be paid.

1884, June 17 – To – Mrs. M. M. Green, 631 So. 19th St., Philadelphia.
It was decided yesterday to send two of our ministers in Utah to explore the Snake River Valley, Idaho, with the view to starting a mission there. Do not be frightened at the name. We understand a large colony of Mormons has been sent there. Some of the families are from Cache Valley, Utah, because their children were attending our schools. And we hear that some of these very families now want a teacher sent after them. Should our "spies" bring back "clusters of grapes" as well as reports of "giants in the land", I want to have you consider whether you would go to Idaho with your daughter. She could teach school under your supervision, and perhaps aid. It is probable there would be real missionary work for you for which we believe you are specially adapted. Let us look to the Lord for guidance. If the above mission is opened it will be a very important location.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1884, June 18 — To — Hon. J. A. Carpenter, Madison, Wis.

I now expect to come to Madison to attend the meeting of the Educational Association, leaving New York, Monday morning, July 14th, I would like to engage a room for myself and daughter Caroline R. R. Haines, also one for my son, Rev. F. S. Haines, at the advertised rate of $1.00 per day each. We stop on our way to Alaska.

1884, June 19 — To Mr. O. E. Boyd,

Will you please send a copy of the following, attested, if correct to Mrs. R. H. Allen, Box 258, Pittsburgh, Penna: —

Resolution adopted by the Board of Home Missions June 10th, 1884.

Resolved — That the Woman's Executive Committee be authorized to receive, transmit and make due acknowledgment of any sums they may receive for the Freedmen's cause, as empowered by the late General Assembly.

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1884, June 19 — To — Mrs. C. Cutler, 2021 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

About the Indians; — The old work begun more than thirty years ago, when the Far West was practically a foreign country is still under the care of the Board of Foreign Missions: even some in the western part of New York State which seems rather incongruous, but it came about quite naturally. New work for the Indians was put under the Board of Home Missions by the General Assembly. And this too was by natural process, for as home missionaries went farther west, and Synods and Presbyteries in close connection with eastern churches were formed, and Indian children came into congregations, the question arose; why send a foreign missionary, making two men perhaps in one location? In some places, as in Indian Territory there has been a mixture of the race with whites, and it is difficult to determin where some individuals belong. At the last General Assembly it was said that all the mission work in the United States must come finally to the Home Board. Some say: "The time is not yet." In any case we have more than enough to do. In Indian Territory we might set up twenty new day schools in addition to the boarding schools now begun. Miss Alice Robertson has just gone back there, taking sixteen Creek Indian girls from Carlisle, and she will report where the need is greatest. The Indians are begging for these schools, themselves, and will help support them. Our General Assembly has given to the women and children of the Presbyterian Church the support of schools among Indians, Mexicans and Mormons. These schools can be established only as we furnish the means. The matter of the Freedmen was wonderfully cared for as you must have seen in reports. x x Though at one time at Saratoga we feared nothing could be done. We think having all money sent to Mrs. Boyd who will forward that for Freedmen to Dr. Allison, is much simpler than to have each local society divide it, though they must be careful to stated how their money is to be appropriated.

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1884, June 21 — To — Mrs. O. E. Boyd, 375 Jefferson ave, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Our typewriter is recording your full new address for future reference. and I write to ask you to call Mr. Boyds attention to the use of this commercial note sheet which is more convenient for the typewriter or caligraph than the narrow note sheet. Could Mr. Boyd have our letter heading printed on a sheet this size. Some of my letters take up both sides of such a sheet as this.

It seems strange to think of you living in Brooklyn. I feel that you are nearer though actually miles away, and practically more removed than we were at Elizabeth and Rahway, New Jersey.

Excerpts from letters Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

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1884, June 17 – To – Miss P. E. Ufford, Middlebury, Vt.,
I am so glad you could come with Miss Angel into our meeting yesterday. We got a much clearer understanding of the case at Concord and Whitehall, (North Carolina). I now enclose the list of certificates promised. Please write Mr. O. D. Eaton for more blanks for quarterly reports of which you will need four. Send me at the end of each three months, filled out, directing it to Rev. Dr. Henry Kendall. Upon its receipt your salary for the quarter will be sent you.

1884, June 20, – To – Prof. J. M. Coyner, c/o Mr. Thomas Kane, Chicago, Ills.
What do you think of the Utah bill that has just passed the Senate? If it passes the House, do you think it will excite trouble from the Mormons? The practical point of my question is about sending new teachers into Utah. If it is not safe, I am bound to care for them as for my own daughters.

1884, June 21 – To Miss M. J. Hall, Millville, Utah.
You write of a number of families leaving for the Snake River Valley. Rev. Mr. Knox and perhaps Mr. Martin are now requested to visit that valley and report in regard to our sending a teacher to follow that colony there. I hope the way will be opened for us to do so.
Good results should follow the visit of Prof. Coyner, Mr. Martin and Mr. Blohm to the east. They carried the facts to the people and excited interest. We trust the Church will realize the danger to our country if Mormonism is not put down.

1884, June 24, – To – Miss Maggie Bloomingdale, Saratoga, New York.
I have a letter from Rev. William P. Haworth of Benita, Indian Territory, telling of your interest in getting a bell for his church. I sincerely hope you will be able to procure it for him. Where there are few clocks a bell is very important. People straggle into church at all hours of the day.

1884, June 24, To – Rev. Mr. Loucks, Logansport, Ind.
Since we have established schools in Utah, the Mormons have improved their own so that we are forced, in order to compete with them, to send only superior teachers.

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1884, June 24 – To – Mrs. R. H. Allen, Pittsburgh, Penna.

Your copy for leaflet came this morning and I am delighted with it. I see the weak point in the history, as to the action of our Committee. We can consult about this. The facts are that it seemed wise to bring the proposition of General Assembly first to the members of the Synodical Committees present at Saratoga, so as to secure their approval and acceptance.

A report of this is given in a most unfortunate shape in the Presbyterian Home Missionary for July, page 166, under the heading — "Thanks to Michigan." —

The resolutions adopted at Saratoga were accepted and adopted by the Woman's Executive Committee at a meeting held in New York June 2d. This could be done only provisionally, pending the decision of the Board of Home Missions, which was given in favor of the new arrangement at its meeting, June 10th. This confirmed the acceptance of the proposition of the General Assembly by the Synodical Committees of May 23d, and of their servant the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions June 2d, and virtually made all right. In the pressure of work, I think no further formal motion was adopted, but to make all secure, this will be done (D.V.) on Monday, July 7th.

I will meet you as you propose (D.V.) at 23 Center Street on Tuesday, the 1st of July at three p.m.

A few leaflets have gone, but for the general distribution we wait for yours. I think you had better insert something about the action of the Synodical Committees at Saratoga, including the Resolutions adopted before that of the Board of Home Missions. Then, after that, could you not say that the Board of Home Missions having thus empowered the Woman's Executive Committee their previous action stood confirmed, and a Department for Freedmen's Work was organized, and by previous election, Mrs. R. H. Allen became its secretary.

Where you refer to work already begun is there any objection to mentioning Biddle University and Scotia Seminary by name?

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy.

1884, June 25 – To – Rev. Eneas McLean, Del Norte, Colo.

I want your advice as to where the Misses Rowland might be employed to advantage. You know, of course that the Academy at Santa Fé has passed into other hands, and we would like to hear from you and Mr. Gilcrist whether to place these two teachers at Cenicerro, or at some other point you might recommend. I hope to see Rev. Milton Green of Mexico next Saturday. In an address I heard him speak of the importance of establishing a paper in Mexico. Perhaps that has been done. But it seems to me that if more force were concentrated on your paper so it could reach Spanish-speaking people in this country and Mexico it would be well. You have heard, no doubt, from Rev. Dr. Hayes since the meeting of General Assembly, who was quite enthusiastic about this paper, "El Anciano." I shall be glad to hear from you as to prospects for securing a good circulation for it. I think a short article published in the Presbyterian Home Missionary, calling attention to what, by the blessing of God, this paper might accomplish would be well.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines Secretary

1884, June 26 — To — Miss Alice Hyson, Decatur, Illinois

We now propose to have you appointed to go to Taos el Ranchos, New Mexico, but should there be any change, do not be surprised. I presume it will really make no difference as any place would be new to you. You see, I have given up the plan for your going to Utah. As Mr. McGaughy originally proposed that you go to New Mexico it may be best for you to go there. I trust it will not be necessary for you to leave home before the middle of September.

1884, June 25 — To Miss Rowland c/o Rev. Mr. Gilchrist, Alamosa, Colo.

We have heard of the sudden change in the Academy at Santa Fe', and now would be glad to retain you and your sister in Presbyterian work. There are one or two places in southern Colorado that we desire to occupy. Please consult your brother, Mr. Gilchrist, and I will write to Rev. Eneas McLean. At Santa Fe' Academy you may not have had much of what we call Missionary work, but I am certain you will realize, with us, that the great object in establishing our schools among the Mexicans is that of taking the true Gospel to the hearts and homes of these poor superstitious people. Great tact and wisdom are required to do this. God will use us in His service if we look to Him. — In many places where schools have been established in Utah our teachers have been able to hold singing meetings, or reading circles that have attracted young people outside of the school to the mission rooms, and much good has resulted.

1884, June 26 — To — Miss Anna D. McNair, Bedminster, New Jersey

I had the pleasure of meeting Miss Beekman and her brother yesterday and the plan was to have you meet Miss Beekman here next Monday. He is anxious that you should go together to the same place and promises help from the church and Sunday school with which he is connected in case you can be placed so. It is on account of money only that we do not send our teachers out by "two and two." As some appointed have not had as much experience as you and Miss Beekman, it seems rather a pity to locate two together who are each able to be the principal. You might begin in this way. I am anxious to have you brought into this work if according to the will of God. It is a life of true happiness.

1884, June 27 — To — Miss Jennie Smith, Maryville, Ohio.

As I expect to be away from home after the middle of July and want to send directions for your journey to the mission to which you will be appointed. Do not fail to write to Miss R.A. Dyer, of our office who will answer any inquiries.

The present plan is for newly appointed teachers for work in Utah and Idaho to meet at Omaha, Nebraska, or Council Bluffs, just opposite in Iowa on the east side of the Missouri River, on Thursday morning September 4th, next, and to go on from there about noon, together, in train to Ogden, Utah.

About August first, please write to Mr. O. D. Eaton, Treasurer, 23 Centre Street, New York, saying you are under appointment for Mission work in Utah or Idaho as may be decided, and that at my request you ask for permits to buy tickets on the railroad at half rates, also ask for money for travelling expenses. We desire that you shall have $50.— in hands on arriving at your station, and you will please mention this in your note to Mr. Eaton. — Please keep a careful account of your travelling expenses and send the list, with items mentioned, to Mr. Eaton soon after arriving at your new home. The balance of the money you will have in hand, will be credited by him on your salary. If you wish you can ask Mr. Eaton to deduct this amount from that which will be due you for the first and second quarters of work. It is more convenient for him to deduct it all from the first quarter, but it may not be convenient to you to have him do so. — Your trunk may weigh 150 pounds. We want you to take a sleeping-car and to make yourself comfortable on the trip. Articles that you may wish to have shipped by freight can be left behind until you desire to send for them. After your arrival and have been located for a few days you may be prepared to decide just what you will need. Sometimes a teacher finds a good boarding place; sometimes it is more comfortable to take rooms and keep house. In the latter case you may wish to send for bedding, etc, if you have it. A carpet can be bought at as

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low rate (including freight) in Utah as at the east. If you own a carpet, it will be better to have it sent to you.
Your salary will be $450.– a year, payable once in three months, upon the receipt of your quarterly report in our office. Blanks for these Quarterly Reports will be sent to you with your commission. It will be easy for you to fill out a "blank," as it is arranged in convenient form. On the inside page give the list of any money received as tuition for children, or donations for your school. Also prepare another list of expenses you have had for current expenses of the school, such as fires, lights, cleaning, etc. This account will be made up to you if plus, or credited on your salary if minus your receipts on the spot. – In case more tuition money is paid to you than will cover current expenses of the school, you will be allowed to retain $50.– a year of it and add it to the $450.– salary promised. But we want an account sent here as requested above, of all all sums that come into your hands. Address your Quarterly Reports to Rev. Henry Kendall, D.D., 23 Centre St., New York City.
At this date we do not know who the Superintendent of our Schools and Synodical Missionary may be, but you are to consult freely with him, and fall in cheerfully, I trust, with any plans he may adopt for securing information regularly from your school. You are to follow his advice as to text-books, and methods of instruction, reporting to us here, however, anything you may like to suggest regarding any matter that concerns the interest of your work or yourself personally.
While we hope that your service on mission ground will draw the hearts of your friends toward the work to be done there, any contributions they make to it must pass through our treasury in order that the society or individual donors may have credit for it. Of course any one is at liberty to make a personal gift to you, but it is important to have anything intended for the mission reported to us in some way, that we may know when the wants of any particular place are supplied. We do not like to have a teacher soliciting donations toward some improvement, as, for instance, a "building" or additional building at her mission, unless such building or other improvement has been sanctioned by our Woman's

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1884, June 27 – To – Miss Jennie Smith (continued)

Executive Committee in New York, and approved by the Board of Home Missions.

You will probably be sent to ________. A change may be made even after you arrive in Utah. Sometimes we request the Presbytery of Utah or that of Idaho to decide the location for a new teacher, and at all times we receive their suggestions as to this and other matters with respectful consideration. I shall want to hear from you freely and confidentially in addition to your quarterly and more official reports.

This letter is being copied to send to more than one now accepted for this mission work during this summer (D.V.), and saves much re-writing on my part; and yet to each one individually I feel like sending loving and personal Christian greetings. It is the Lord, Himself, who is knitting our hearts together in love in this blessed privilege of special service for Him. We may not meet face to face in this present life, but in Christ we have the sure hope of doing so when in His more immediate presence, and even here, as we seek to make Him known, we know that He is near, according to His word. He is with us by the Holy Spirit to give that guidance, wisdom and comfort which we need so much. Do not be discouraged if immediate success does not seem to attend your efforts. God has said: "My Word shall not return unto me void but shall accomplish that whereunto I sent it." We know this mission work is His own.

Some ask, what are the special duties required? While the ultimate aim is to introduce the Gospel into the darkened homes and hearts among the Mormons and elsewhere, the first thing, looking toward this, is to teach a good and attractive day school. As the opportunity opens visiting the families, in a spirit of true Christian courtesy and interest does great good. A work is very much what a worker makes it. It is difficult to define particulars. Tact and good judgment must be exercised constantly. Sometimes, reading or singing classes, or even sewing classes, can be held evenings to advantage. But I entreat you to guard against any worldly conformity that may injure your influence for good. "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

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1884, June 27 — To — Miss Jennie Smith — (concluded)

With even good motives, in order to show themselves friendly even a missionary teacher may be led to join amusements of questionable character. This is a delicate point upon which to touch. May the Lord, Himself, make His will very plain to us, and deliver us from evil.

There are some rules you will like to understand. We pay your travelling expenses from your home to your appointed station. Your commission will date from the time you leave home, in case you make no stops to visit by the way. There is no objection to such visits but such time must be deducted. Your commission will probably be sent to you after you have begun work, so please write Mr. O. D. Eaton after your arrival what date will be right to place on it. — If you leave the work before the end of three years on account of marriage or for any reason other than prolonged illness, or some providential reason beyond your control, we expect to have the money we have paid for your travelling expenses to the field, returned to us. If you remain at work three years and then wish to spend your vacation at the east, we would pay your travelling expenses back to your field. Should you continue in the service of the Board of Home Missions five years, and then come east for a vacation we will pay your travelling expenses both ways, with the understanding in such case that you will continue afterwards in the mission work as before.

Excuse this long letter that I have neither condensed nor systematized, partly for lack of time. I intended to enter in its proper place that we do not intend that rent or other expenses of a school should be paid out of a teacher's salary. Do not be afraid to ask questions. If you do not receive the "Presbyterian Home Missionary" regularly after reaching the field, write to Mr. O. D. Eaton about it. It is his intention to have it supplied to you gratis every month.

Mrs. F. E. H. Haines,
Secretary

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1884, June 28, — Mrs L. A. D. Bleistein, Duncannon, Penna.

You need make no apology for inquisitiveness as I do not consider your interest as such. I think my children would be amused at one of your questions, as to whether I have a family. I have that great happiness, having thirteen children in all, four of whom are in heaven. I have also nine grandchildren, one of whom has gone from us.

1884, June 30 — To Mrs. D. R. James, 1412 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

From present appearances, I am hoping Congress will adjourn in time for you and Mr. James to go on the Alaskan excursion. I write today particularly to know what you propose in regard to the petitions about the Mormons and the Indians. When the whole matter was put into your hands, with power to do or not to do, I did not think of your being away this summer.

If you have forms prepared with directions for use, would Miss F. A. Dyer be able to send them out from our office?

I now expect to leave Monday morning, July 14th, stop over night at Chicago, Tuesday the 15th, where I hope to meet some friends interested in Home Missions, then on Wednesday to go on to Madison, Wisconsin, leaving there for St. Paul, Friday the 18th.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs F. E. H. Haines
Secy

1884, July 1st — To Rev Luke Dorland, Scotia Seminary, Concord, No. Carolina
You have heard how the hand of God has removed difficulties in regard to work among the Freedmen, and now our societies are able to contribute to it. We are allowed also to assume work among the poor whites that was commenced as an aside effort of the Ladies' Board of Missions of New York, now become purely a Foreign Mission organization.

1884, July 3, — To Mr. John D. Fisk, Brookfield, Mass
If you knew how much interested my sister, Mrs. Electa Richards, and myself have been in hearing from you through Dr. Chickering, and also in seeing some of your letters to him, you would not be surprised at hearing from me. — How well I remember the scenes at Bolton, when my honored father, S. V. S. Wilder, called all the family together for family worship, including all those employed on the farm as well as in the household. We little thought that so many years after, these occasions would be remembered so thankfully by us. I am sure you can say with myself, "All the way my Savior leads me." The work he gives to each one of us may differ but in His service there is real unity of heart.

1884, July 3, To — Miss M. L. Allison, Marchand, Penna.
You do not know how glad we have been to see you, and to know more of your self-denying life and efforts, which against your own direct intention were made manifest to us. Now, that the Academy at Santa Fé has gone into other hands, I hope there will be no difficulty in having our Mission building used as you have proposed.

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1884, July 4 – To Miss M. J. Peck, Elizabeth, N. J.

The picture the children brought home (with you in almost too much perspective at the side) was so good it almost seems as if I had seen you lately, and now your note has come with such a generous, loving enclosure from my dear Westminster friends that I feel quite used up by it, and really do not know what to say! Elijah was fed by ravens, and if I am to go to the Pacific coast, our Heavenly Father knows the means for it must be provided. It is certainly pleasanter to have Him use you and the others so dear to me already than birds of any kind. I receive your gift most gratefully from Him by your hands, and now, may He so guide me that some good may come from the great expense intended so kindly to give me rest and pleasure. But you may imagine it is rather hard to take so much just for one's self.

1884, July 4, To – Mrs. Julia McNair Wright,

A letter to you in April came back to me from the Post Office. It had gone to Atlantic City on an "exploring expedition". I do not know that this will [better success] but I enclose this old note to show you were not forgotten when effort was being made at General Assembly to undertake work among the Freedmen. Mrs. R. H. Allen received over 1000 names. At first we feared the whole matter would fail, but providentially it was taken up at the right moment, and the way is open now for a decidedly onward movement at the South as well as at the West. – I wish you could go to Alaska with me, but, perhaps you know enough of the country without personal observation after having written that book.

1884, July 4, To – Mrs. C. H. Snow, Phelps, New York.

Rev. Dr. D. J. McMillan is not at Mount Pleasant, Utah, now. He has been elected President of the college at Deer Lodge, Montana, and is doing an important work there.

1884, July 4, To Mr John Ross, Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

You may have heard before this that your application to have the mission at Fort Gibson transferred to Tahlequah, has not been in vain. I hope the change will prove an advantage in every way. Your letters have helped to bring this about, and I hope you will write in future very fully regarding the state of things, mentioning what you believe would add to the usefulness and attraction of the school. We could not in every case furnish what you might like but there is no harm in mentioning such needs.

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Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Sec'y

1884, July 5, To – Rev. J. Milton Green, Northampton, Mass.
I suppose you have seen the Spanish paper, El Anciano, which was purchased by our Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions and now is being published at Del Norte, Colorado. Rev. Eneas McLean is editor. In your address at the Second Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, I think you implied that a paper was needed in Mexico. I wonder whether some arrangement could be made to adapt the El Anciano to the double purpose, with some economy of time and money? I venture the suggestion.

1884, July 5, To – Mrs. Grove P. Rawson, 107 W. Market St., Elmira, N.Y.
I would call your attention to the need in the Snake River Valley, Idaho. about which Rev. E. M. Knox of Malad City, Idaho, who is well acquainted with the facts, writes, and his statements are fully confirmed in letters from Miss Carrie Nutting of Hyrum, Utah. She says that a number of families were ordered away from the town where she is teaching school, because the children in these families had been sent to her school. One man, a carpenter by the name, Mr. Anderson, who had been engaged on the Garfield Memorial Chapels in the Cache Valley, and his family were among these exiles. He says if we will send a teacher after them, into Idaho, there will be no difficulty as to a building. We cannot send one alone to such a remote corner and think we have secured a mother and daughter who seem to be just right for the place.

1884, July 5, To – Mrs. S. S. Bryan, Allegheny, Pa.
Miss Dyer is just away, taking a little rest, for a wonder, at her home at Covington. She went primarily on account of the anniversary of the Foreign Missionary Society of which she is President. I am glad to have our work mixed up in this way with both departments of missions, that there is no cause for friction between the two

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1884, July 5 — To — Rev. T. Hill, D.D., Kansas City, Mo.

I write to let you know that Miss Alice M. Robertson has gone to Indian Territory with the understanding that beside ~~the~~ pressing forward the Building at the new Creek Mission, she will also, in consultation with you, perhaps only by letter, visit such points in Indian Territory as may seem open for the establishment of a day school. Dr. Kendall is thoroughly aroused on the subject of Indian Territory. I have seldom known him to give so much interest to a special work, and I am hopeful that wherever the way seems plain to you and Miss Robertson a teacher may be sent this fall. If you have special teachers to recommend I hope you will advise Miss Dyer.

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Excerpts of letters of Miss F. A. Dyer,

1884, July 15, Rev. Geo. W. Martin, Manti, Utah.
Our Committee has received correspondence regarding the propriety of removing Mrs. A. E. Blackburn from her present field. While all unite in paying a high tribute to her fidelity and Christian consecration it has been thought a better disciplinarian would more surely advance the interests of the school. Will you be so kind as to give your advice in the matter?

1884, July 15, Messrs. Daniell & Son, 769 Broadway, New York
At a meeting of our Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions on Monday, July 14, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: That the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions tender sincere thanks to Messrs Daniell & Son for their donation of a large quantity of ribbon for neck ties for Indian pupils — Per - (Miss) F. A. Dyer, Cor. Secy.

1884, July 15, Rev. Geo. B. Shearer, D.D., 150 Nassau St., New York.
At a meeting of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions on Monday, July 14th, the following resolution was adopted: —

Resolved: That the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions tender sincere thanks to Rev. George B. Shearer, D.D., Secretary of the American Tract Society for a large grant of tracts, pictures, papers, et cetera.

Per - (Miss) F. A. Dyer, Cor. Secy

1884, July 18 - To - Rev. Dr. Niles, ??
I enclose to you a letter from Miss R. E. Plumer, West Newton, Penna, Cor. Secretary of Redstone Presbyterial Society and cousin of our mutual friend, Mrs. Boyd. I have recommended to her the name of Dr. Niles for speaker at the Annual Meeting, Coleraine. Will you correspond with her and compel circumstances if possible to meet her desire? That society is the fruit of my first service in organization. The last word my hostess said to me upon leaving her home to attend her meeting was: "Please, Miss Dyer, say nothing about organization, because it will be of no use. Present the needs of your work as eloquently as you please, and the ladies may be stirred to larger contributions, but they do not want a society. But the Lord gave us a society, with promise of nearly fifty names, and I am sure if you were to talk with its president, Mrs. Dr. Porter she would say, that her work as leader of these women has been a means of grace to her own soul,

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Excerpts from letters of Miss F. A. Dyer, Secy pro tem

1884 – July 19th, To – Miss Mary J. Stewart, Brookville, Jefferson Co., Pa.
Do not fear that the Lord will not supplement every human lack in this woman's work. Don't be anxious. Every annual meeting I attend seems to me better than the last, and in most cases, in going to them, I find the women fearing and trembling lest they shall be humiliated by disappointing the people who come.
Praying that your workers for those two days may be led by the "hand", guided with the "eye" of our Divine Leader, and made to realize the significance of that blessed name of our Christ:– "His name shall be called Counsellor!"

1884 – July 19, To – Mrs. C. E. Reed, Phelps, N.Y.
Mrs. Haines placed a memo on her desk: "Put on record an organ at Phelps, N.Y., given to our work by Mrs. C. E. Reed of that place. Very precious on account of association &c.
Now, my dear friend, a letter has come just at this moment from an earnest, conscientious missionary teacher, Miss Florence E. Baker of Montpelier, Idaho, who is trying to carry the "minister's" as well well as teacher's work. – "Can you suggest any way to procure an organ at once? Oh! How much I need one! I would be willing to pay for one myself, if I could get the money! What shall I do? It would attract, for all like music. – – –
Who can tell, dear sister, if thou art not come to the Kingdom with your gift, for just this need? May I hear from you?

1884, July 22 – To – Miss Clara L. Wiley, Akron, Ohio,
In applications for teaching positions in our schools we consider only those from members of our Presbyterian Church: this number being in excess of the demands of the schools which are yet established.

1884, July 23d, To – Miss Florinda Stayers, Salt Lake City, Utah.
I think there will not be a meeting of our Board until September. Your friend's papers will then be examined if all of her certificates have been forwarded in due form. You say she prefers to be with you without a commission. That condition could never fail to be a necessity in the rigid, systematic way in which all business of our Church Boards is transacted. Precisely the same steps through which you came up to your position, must be the steps by which your friend can attain a teaching position.

1884 – July

Excerpts from letters of Miss F. A. Dryer, Sec'y pro tem.

1884, July 25, To – Mrs. Charles H. Langdon, Elizabeth, N. J.
Mrs. Bryan desires that you say something to inspire more interest in the organization of mission bands, and to give all possible information to increase their interest in the work. Presidents and secretaries of women's local societies can carry the seed home to their younger workers and give them hints for putting it into practice.

1884, July 30, To – Mrs. Ashbel Green, Tenafly, N. J.
Mrs. Bryan, President of our Pennsylvania Synodical Committee desires definite information as to what may be depended upon from the Woman's Executive Committee at the Annual Synodical Meeting occurring at Philadelphia, Wednesday and Thursday, October 26 to 28th ? On Wednesday evening an informal reception occurs, at which Mrs. Bryan very much desires that the members of the Executive Committee shall be brought face to face with as many of the workers as possible. – We are such creatures of "sight" that these things are not without their positive influence in all the concerns of life. Persons, places or things that we have actually __seen__ are vastly more to us than those about which we have simply heard – a good deal of the Queen of Sheba in all of us – and so, in order to impress and interest our dependencies (?) the Solomons of the great Home Missions realm must be willing to pass under review. – Now for something beside a "look", dear Mrs. President, what will you do in the way of a little talk on paper? She is wonderfully methodical, prepares to a __nicety__ every detail of work with which she has anything to do. I think, as president, you could swing a little "censer" of words of cheer, and expressions of trust and hope to our auxiliaries that would fill the atmosphere of the meeting with fragrance and enthusiasm. This is only a hint. Your own mind is the best prompter for its work.

1884, July 30 – To – Mrs. George R. Hastings, Octarara, Penna.
Do you know that you have the initial society of missionary young men? At least, I have never heard before of such an organization, and think you have much upon which to congratulate yourselves. I should say the procedure in their work should differ from that of women. They should never be sent as delegates to a woman's meeting, simply because their position would be awkward.

1884 – August

Excerpts from letters Miss Fanny A. Dyer, Secy.

1884, Aug 1st, – To – Mrs. S. H. Hyde, Carthage, Ills.
In the absence of Mrs. Haines, who is on a trip to visit our work in Alaska, California, and some western territories, I think the argument a very strong one that truly Christianized Mormons can do more to help their own people than others can do.

1884, Aug. 4, To Mrs. A. G. White, 280 Locust Street, Allegheny City, Pa.
Mrs. Miller has left this office on account of eye trouble. The abuse of the "box system" which you have experienced has caused our Executive Committee to send no blanks except as ministers apply for them. Applications from societies are much in excess of those from ministers' families. Just now we have no applications to send you. We will keep your request on file and write again.

1884, Aug 5, To – Mrs Ashbel Green, Tenafly, N.J.
Dr. Kendall, Mr. Boyd and Mr. Eaton entered the little "sky corner" in a body this morning, on a tour of inspection and decision concerning the changes on the Fourth Floor. Carpenters and painters are nearly through; the next step is furnishings, removal. Dr. Kendall suggested that I ask Mrs. Green to call as large a number of the Executive Committee as she could command for a little business concerning this important proceeding, early this coming week. That new carpet must be ordered, you know, the "lovely cretonne" to shield the precious treasures from the dust, the arranging of leaflets on the shelves, etc: a wonderful era in the history of the baby existence of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions! Perhaps, the rejuvenation also of a Foreign Missionary Lounge, donated or loaned for the comfort of our tender, but busy years. Your presence, dear Mrs. President is of consequence. Please instruct your secretary pro tem to whom she shall give the call. The "heap" is becoming less like the pillar of cloud, and the more genial light and warmth of the pillar of fire is beginning to lead.

1884, Aug 6, To Miss Eugenia Munger, Springville, Utah.
I received a postal card dated July 26th from Mrs. Haines this morning, written at Seattle, Washington Territory. She was well and we know she is happy in being permitted to meet face to face with workers in schools and missionary societies.

1884 August— Excerpts from letters of Miss Fanny A. Dyer,

1884, Aug. 7th, To— Miss C. A. Heck, Chambersburg, Penna.
In the absence of Mrs. Haines who is visiting our mission schools on the Pacific Slope and Alaska, I have charge of her correspondence here. Our Synodical Committee of Pennsylvania have loaned me from my duties as corresponding secretary and visitor to the churches for a period of three months. I expect to leave 23 Centre St, New York City the thirtieth day of September to begin work in Pennsylvania, and my first Presbyterial Visitation will be in your own Presbytery of Carlisle.

1884 — August

Excerpts letters, Miss Fanny A. Dyer, Sec'y

1884 – Aug. 11th To – Mrs Charles E. Walker, Poncha Springs, Colorado.
I will do my best to carry out all of your requests in detail as far as they have not been done already. Have you heard that Miss Robertson is quite ill at Muscogee? I was permitted to locate her lost plans and to have them forwarded to her. Almost hourly, my prayer is "Dear Lord, save me from bringing into this work any confusion or fatal mistakes through my lack of knowledge," and somehow, I have a sense of rest in great un-rest, if you can understand. My heart is in this work and I love every detail. Everything I have asked from societies, I have received. Even an organ for Miss F. E. Baker whose whole soul seemed to go out in a little wail for one. And yet, I find it the most difficult work I have ever undertaken to roll this great responsibility. I know so little! Every letter, nearly, is so important.

1884 — October

1884, October — List of the Woman's Synodical Committee in the Synod of New York

Excerpts from letters Mrs. D. E. H. Haines, Secy

1884 — December

1884, Dec. 2d – To Mrs. C. E. Walker, Huron, So. Dak.

To me it is most desirable that you should attend those meetings in Dakota. I am sorry you receive no letters from 23 Centre Street, but Miss Dyer is doubly busy in my absence. Can you go to the Sioux Mission, see Mrs. M. Riggs Morris and study the needs there? We know so little about them.

1884, Dec 8th, To Mrs. Horace Eaton, Somerville, Mass.

I am sorry you cannot take the place of secretary at once as desired. I do not know what Mrs. Niven, of Dobbs Ferry, and President of the New York Synodical Committee will say, for it may be difficult for her to make a temporary arrangement with anyone before spring.
If the memorial of your dear husband is written, can you read the the proof without taking all of your time? I do not see how the Synodical Committee can wait as long as you propose but am glad your daughter favors your coming into this work. If only a part of your time could be given I presume the salary would be smaller, but the Committee spoke of $500.= a year, as a necessary supplement to income of one who gladly would do all the work for love.

1884, Dec. 10th, To Mrs. Emory Williams, Abbeville, South Carolina.

My dear friend Mrs. R. H. Allen writes, that the Synod of Atlantic has done at last what we have desired so long, viz, appointed a Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions. She tells me also that you are its first president, so I write to give you our cordial welcome. If Kentucky has appointed such a committee this fall the number is complete. We shall be glad to hear from you and to give any aid or information in our power.

1884 — December

Excerpts from letters Mrs F. E. H. Haines Sec'y

1884 – Dec. 19, To – Mrs. R. H. Allen, Pittsburgh, Penna. (Headquarters for Freedmen)
What would you think of coming to New York and Brooklyn for three weeks or more for meetings in a number of churches? Last November I proposed a visit from you to the women of Dr. Parkhurst's church, and they want to see you. It is very difficult to get New York women out, and then to keep them more than an hour. We want a series of meetings about our western work. Whether more than one field can be presented in one short meeting is doubtful. Miss Walker is one of a committee of two appointed by the Brooklyn Presbyterial Society on work for the Freedmen. She will plan meetings in that organization. x x Can you send little items about the work for the Freedmen to Mrs. George D. Phelps, 23 Centre St. New York, to be published in the Presbyterian Home Missionary? She should receive them by the fourth day of each month, and would have a portion at least printed. We have more material than can be accommodated. Mrs. Phelps is our Editorial Secretary and will do her best to help you.

1884, Dec. 20 – To – Mrs. J. W. Allen, St. Louis, Mo. Headquarters Womans Board of Missions of the Southwest.
It is long since I heard from you. How are you? To whom should I write when corresponding regarding matters to be submitted to the Woman's Board of the Southwest?
Sometime, I hope to hear that your Board will decide to work for Foreign Missions only, leaving the Home Missions work to be cared for by the Synodical Committee in each Synod as is now being done elsewhere. The change has been accomplished in New York Synod, pleasantly and satisfactorily, after years of unavoidable friction. It involves no change in local societies. Often these work better for two departments. It does no good to press this matter in advance of public sentiment and we would not propose it.

1884, Dec. 20 – To Miss E. S. Boyd, c/o L. M. Pease, Asheville, No. Car. (Later – Mrs. D. Stuart Dodge)
Thank you for writing so fully. I can send no official answer but want to encourage you to believe the work will be assumed very cordially by our Woman's Executive Committee under the Board of Home Missions. I say this because of the approval expressed by one of our secretaries to whom I read a portion of your letter.

1884 – December

Excerpts from letters Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy –

1884, Dec. 20th. – To – Mrs. Edward Ely, 208 – 28th Street, Chicago, Ills.
It is a good and permanent step in advance to have Chicago Presbyterial Society so favorably reorganized, and I thank you for the names of the officers.
Mrs. D. M. Miller has left our employ and is at work in some city mission in Brooklyn, New York.
Mrs. Young of Alaska has caused us some trouble, wishing to be entirely independent of rules and supervision. We tell people inquiring that she is carrying on a private enterprise, to which their money must be given on their own responsibility.

1884 — December

Excerpts from letters Mrs F. E. H. Haines, Secy.

1884, Dec. 22d — To — Mrs. Charles E. Walker, Poncha Springs, Colo.
I congratulate you upon being permitted to alight at the home-nest for a little time. Our secretaries here seem to be thoroughly aroused on the subject of "Specials." They wish to have them paid promptly. It is time our business here should be conducted more systematically though we have no fear about all being done right. Sometimes donors do not mark their gifts "special" and the money goes into the regular expenses or salaries of a school.

1884, Dec. 24, — To — Mrs. Augusta R. Moore, Muscogee, Ind. Territory.
Yesterday it was decided to call a meeting of the women of the Presbyterian Churches in the Presbytery of New York early in January to organize a Presbyterial Home Mission Society. Among other objects I wish to present "Nuyaka" as definitely as possible.

1884, Dec. 24, — To — Mrs. S. B. Brownell, 139 W. 53d Street, New York, N.Y.
At a committee meeting called by Mrs. Niven and held in Dr. Crosby's lecture room yesterday, I found that you were "expected there." The principal business was that of forming a Presbyterial Home Missionary Society in the Presbytery of New York. Mrs. Niven was in favor of including both Foreign and Home Missions but Mrs. Hubbard and her daughter did not favor that plan. The Committee decided to call a meeting or Convention of women of the Presbyterian Churches of New York Presbytery early in January, and that Mrs. Niven as President of the Synodical Committee should do this. As you are chairman of the members of the Synodical Committee in New York Presbytery, this might have been done by you, but much work is involved. It is my fault that you are relieved of it but please be very sure to attend the meeting.

1884, Dec. 24, To — Miss Jane McTaggart, 42 Montague Square, London, Eng.
Alaska is truly magnificent as to scenery and we found many openings there for missionary effort. South of Alaska, in your Queen's possession we visited Mettakatla, where Mr. William Duncan of the Episcopal Church has been at work for thirty years. His success has been marvellous. The Indians are becoming Christianized and civilized. I mention this from our own observation because, I understand, reports to discredit Mr. Duncan have been circulated. I know some bishop had come there and was causing trouble. The Indians are attached to Mr. Duncan and want no change of administration.

1884 – December

Excerpts from letters of Mrs. F. E. H. Haines, Secy

1884, Dec. 27 – To – Mrs. Wm Addy, Marietta, Ohio.

You may not have received official notice of your appointment by the Synod of Ohio to the Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions. If this is a repetition on my part, please pardon! From the headquarters for woman's work for Home Missions in our Church, we want to give you a cordial welcome into the ranks of those honored by the synods to perform such responsible duties. We have reason to believe that because you have proved efficient in past service more has been given you according to promise. Unless elected to some office in the Synodical Committee your special work will be in the Presbyterial Society of Athens. A little package of leaflets will be sent to you from our office. Please send for more to use in spreading information. One leaflet gives suggestions regarding the duties of your office. We shall be glad to answer any questions you may wish to ask. There is much to do to secure prayer and contributions for this great cause.

1884, Dec. 30 – To – Mrs. John Sinclair, Broadway, N.Y.

Mrs. Niven and Mrs. Phelps were at our office yesterday and the decision was made to hold the Convention, January 6th at 2.30 p.m. in the Church Parlor of Dr. Howard Crosby's Church. I write today regarding the current expenses of the society, as my attention was called to the need to pay Mrs Walker, Secretary pro tem of the New York Synodical Committee. It is just right for you to be particular about the funds in your hands.

It was decided at Buffalo that the secretary should be paid a salary in order to secure to Mrs. Niven, President, good and constant service. This matter should be worked out by some by-laws. Will it not be best to assure Mrs. Walker enough money to enable her to give more if not all of her time to the work in New York Synod?

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